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Send your dues to your Chapter secretary today!

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We Never Did This Before

In other years YANKEE DOINGS stopped at the June issue if for any reason you failed to send in your money for renewal membership.

This year those who haven't renewed are getting July-August issue as a final reminder.

Everyone is busy, we know that, but not too busy to spend a few minutes and a few dollars to keep alive the old Yankee Division.

We should double our membership this year. In fact our new National Commander Bill Forsyth at the recent convention forcefully remarked that if every present member brought in just ONE more, our troubles would be over. A few faithful ones in all chapters seem to do all the work. This year let's pull together — and go out and drag in one member of our own.

Paper is scarce and must be conserved but we will print the name of every man who brings in a new member if the chapter secretary will send it in. Once you've gotten YOUR man work on the rest of your membership to do as much. We could have a membership of 8000 — if YOU do your part!

Cover Author V-Mails From South Pacific of Thrill

Russell Sparks, whose V-mail letter from somewhere in the South Pacific was the cover illustration on April DOINGS, writes that he got the thrill of a lifetime when it finally reached him and wanted a copy sent to his wife. This will inform you Russ, no matter how many months late, that we sent three.

NO MORE FULL PAGE CUTS

The paper restrictions now being enforced on all publications will make it impossible to run any more full page cuts other than the one on the cover for the duration. From now on please send nothing larger than a half page line cut or half tone. One that is about one half column deep and one column wide would be best of all as we haven't got the paper to take care of every chapter.

Massachusetts Chapters to whom the next issue of DOINGS is dedicated please note.

NATIONAL CONVENTION —Sober, Restrained, Success

The 24th Annual National Convention of YDVA was opened at the Hotel Lenox, Boston, on Saturday, June 26th at 10 in the morning.

National Commander Ben Bourn opened the convention with a salute to the colors and the 70 members present honored our dead with 30 seconds of silence.

A telegram of greeting was dispatched to P.N.C. Al Herman at a New York hospital and then the National Commander appointed the following resolutions committee: John Dunlap, Errol Emery, Henry J. Dube, Harold B. Lonergan and Harry Bissell.

After P.N.C.'s Mahoney and Appleby were led to the platform the minutes of the treasurer, Lee Redfield, were read and approved and Austin Appleby sketched the ceremony at which Frank Sibley, Boston Globe war correspondent who was attached to us during the war, was presented with a YD bronze placque at his home in Somerville, Mass., as a token of the affection of all his old comrades of the YD. (Picture on a following page).

We heard the report of our National Service Officer, Frank Coppinger and then reports were made from departments present. Among those speaking were Bob Murray, R.I., Clyde Beckwith, Conn., Anthony Fanelle, N.YC., Louis Winter, Phila., Harold Lonergan, N.Y., Joe Jordan, Washington, Ray Doucette, Lynn. P.N.P. General Sherburne urged a Divisional Memorial at or near Kenmore Square, Boston and then P.N.C. Len Maloney stressed the duty resting on all Chapters to hold YDVA together rather than a dependence on National Headquarters to carry the whole load.

Past Commander of Apremont Chapter, only member present in uniform, took a bow and P.S.C. Joe Bourget spoke briefly.

Meeting recessed at 11:40 A. M.

— H. Guy Watts,
National Secretary.

The afternoon session opened at 3:45 P. M. and the report of action taken on the resolutions before the membership was as follows:

Resolution No. 1. Philadelphia Chapter. Passed.

Resolved, that upon presentation of an affidavit from the medical officer who attended said wounded soldier or a like affidavit from his command-officer, the War Department be directed to amend, change, or correct said wounded soldier's service record in their possession so as to include said affidavit, and said soldier be entitled to receive compensation from the date of submissal.

Resolution No. 2. John W. Coughlin. Passed.

YDVA petitions President to provide additional hospitalization facilities for veterans.

Resolution No. 3. John W. Coughlin. Passed.

YDVA petitions President and National Congressional Delegation to work for and provide the necessary laws that the men who actually do the fighting and bear the brunt of the present war shall be adequately protected and given at least an equal opportunity for such positions as may be open at the close of the present conflict to those who may be honorably discharged from the armed forces.

Resolution No. 4. Resolutions Committee. Passed.

Be it resolved, that we the members of the YDVA assembled in Boston on the 26th day of June, 1943, go on record in complimenting the convention committee for giving of their time and effort to make this convention a success.

Resolution No. 5. Resolutions Committee. Passed.

Resolved, that whereas Comrade Walter E. Seaver and Gerald Wogan, managers of the Hotel Lenox, Boston and their staff have contributed whole-heartedly in lending the facilities of the hotel in order to assist in making this 24th Annual Convention of YDVA a success, be it so resolved that the YDVA go on record to express its sincere thanks to the hotel management.

P.N.C. Austin Appleby presented the Phillip N. Sanborn Trophy to Commander Carter of the Hartford Chapter. Hartford now has permanent possession of the cup after winning it three years in succession. P.N.C. Appleby has promised to donate a new cup for future membership competition.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and the entire slate was elected unanimously.

Our new National Commander, William Forsyth, was escorted to the platform and our P.N.C. Ben Bourn turned the gavel over to him. P.N.C. Bourn was given a rising vote of thanks by the entire body present for his unselfish and unstinting efforts during the past year. Past Dept. Com. Robert Dickson of New York Chapter pinned a Past Commander's medal on P.N.C. Bourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P. M.

— H. Guy Watts,
National Secretary.

NEXT DOINGS COPY DUE AUGUST 20TH

Frank Sibley, Boston Globe War Correspondent, Who Named Us "The Yankee Division," Accepts Bronze YD Plaque from Comrades

AT LAST – I'M 'OF' THE YANKEE DIVISION

By FRANK SIBLEY

This is Frank Sibley, now of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association, duly admitted to the ranks, his chevrons properly wet down, and extremely proud of what has happened to him.

You can't kid a soldier, much less a YD man. So I take this honor as a certification from you, pretty proudly, as proudly as I have always taken the Yankee Division. I was with it from its birth, and I am now of it.

It may be that other veteran organizations have kept alive through a quarter of a century, but not one of them has ever equalled our spirit of comradeship, our lasting interest, our friendship of the kind that never forgets.

The national commander, the past commanders and the others who came to my home today, seemed to me to weigh more than they did on Nov. 11, 1918, and they had smarter uniforms. But I was seeing them today through the eyes of memory — dog tired, muddy, but ablaze with happiness. We all had to let off steam on that Armistice Day, and I think even the Boston Globe correspondent misbehaved himself in a becoming manner.

It is hard to find a phrase that tells what you were then, and what you are now; what the quality is in you that any man may see and recognize. Maybe, it is what I told our "Old

Man", one night when things were going tough. He was grim that night, but confident.

"I know they'll do it," he said. "I feel it. But we have been asked to do what is almost impossible, and I don't know why I feel so confident."

I thought I knew. "It's the light in their eyes" I told him.

I won't tell you when this was, but you can guess, because it was the start of our toughest job. And I can say that today, the light in the eyes of an old comrade still burns, and still tells why we cherish one another.

I want to thank you all for what you have done, and to tell you again that I am proud of you, and prouder to be one of you. Let's go!

To the Pill Rollers of the YD Veterans Association

The following article which appeared in the Boston *Herald* on July 1, 1943 must bring back memories of our duties and associations in World War I:

"The colors of the 101st medical regiment of the Massachusetts national guard, which entered the federal service in 1940 and subsequently saw service in Guadalcanal and New Caledonia, were returned to the state yesterday. Bombed 132 times and under fire on numerous occasions, the colors now are entitled to three battle streamers in addition to those received for action in the first world war."

Let us keep the spirit alive!

The old 101st Sanitary Train, 26th Div. of World War I made a splendid record, this we admit. This article shows beyond any reason of doubt that the boys of the 101st Med. Reg. of World War II are doing likewise, and are making a name for themselves and the regiment.

May the pill rollers of World War I salute the pill rollers of World War II. They are doing a great job. Let praise go where praise is due. They keep them fighting.

— John W. Dunlap,
Manchester, N. H.

The police guard at the Bristol Aeronautical plant in New Haven has a YD tinge. George Wise, Howard Smith, Frank Rivers and Jimmy Coogan are helping keep saboteurs away from this important war plant.

Down the Company Street

Headline in New York *Times:* "Father of Ten Shot. Mistaken for Rabbit."

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She was the type that could best be described as having a beautiful profile all the way down.

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You don't have to take music lessons to fiddle round.

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She was only a lumberman's daughter, but her limbs were oke.

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Country Constable: "Pardon, miss, but swimming is not allowed in this lake."

City Flapper: "Why didn't you tell me before I undressed?"

Constable: "Well, there ain't no law against undressin'."

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Tact is the art of making company feel at home when you wish they were.

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It was a cold night. They snuggled on the sofa before the fire. He had talked himself out without saying anything. She thought him slower than a telegraph boy in a hurry.

"Do you notice," he observed, "do you notice how the fire reddens?"

"Yes," she sighed deeply, "but I'm sure it's not because of anything we have done."

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And the one about the moron who wanted to marry Betty Grable for her money.

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The Queen Bee is a hardy soul—
She thumbs her nose at birth-control;
Which is the reason, beyond a doubt
There are so many sons of bees about.

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The souse tottered along the curb. Several times he slipped off the curb into the gutter. Each time he clambered on to the sidewalk again. "Helluva long stairway," he muttered.

Letters to the Editor

To the Members of Y.D.V.A.:

When I was a little shaver my mother told me about casting bread upon the waters. Perhaps I have subconsciously followed her teaching down through the years. I know it has irked me when anybody asked me why I devoted so much time to YD. So far as I am concerned YD meant friendships formed in the crucible of fire—friendships that lasted unto death and perhaps beyond. YD was my gang—they spoke my language.

And then came a blow that knocked the pins from under me. For weeks and weeks I was flat on my back —as sick as I have ever been in my life. I could do nothing for YD. I couldn't even do anything for myself.

Did the bread cast upon the waters pay dividends? I'll say it did. From all parts of the nation there poured in words of cheer and encouragement. Letters, cards and telegrams were showered upon me. Flowers brightened the sick room. Fruit and delicacies tempted a faded appetite. YD men made long journeys just to sit at my bedside and chat. My own chapter never missed a week. Bridgeport, Stamford and New York chapters sent delegations to see me. Sammy Marcus, omnipresent apostle of good cheer came laden with good things time and again. It was a convincing exemplification of the creed of YDVA.

As if all that were not enough, I recently received a visit from Fred Hirsch, the spark plug of New Haven Chapter. Fred came as an emissary of the Connecticut Department and the New York Chapter. It seems the boys thought my finances must have taken a beating—and they had. So I was presented (on the eve of income tax payment day) a check for a substantial sum. I'm afraid I was too filled with emotion to properly thank Fred for that magnificent gesture of friendship and esteem. I am trying to do it now. I am grateful from the uttermost depths of my heart to good old YD. Individually, severally, jointly and collectively you are damn swell guys.

And I'm glad my mother taught me about casting bread upon the waters.

Sincerely and gratefully,
— Len Maloney,
Past National Commander.

Dear Editor:

I noticed on Page 9 of the May 1943 issue of Yankee Doings, the names of YD men that are back in the service. You may add my name to that list, if you so desire. I served as a private with Company H, 102nd Infantry, in A.E.F., France and am a member of Rocky Mountain Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans' Association.

Have been on active duty the past year as a captain, C.W.S. (Army), and my assignment is Acting Judge Advocate, Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

Yours in comradeship,
— Homer G. Preston,
Captain, C.W.S.

Drew Field, Fla.
June 9, 1943.

Yankee Doings:

Please tell John Worthly Dunlap of Manchester, New Hampshire that he must be imbibing in too much Rum. I know it can't be "Red Liquor" 'cause down here they say no. But we have some nice Wine or Rum.

On Page 9 of the May issue of "Doings" Dunlap has Philip P. Hardy, George Wilson and myself as being former 103rd Inf. I have a lot of respect for the infantry, but the artillery is where we came from.

Frank E. Lawlor was in the 101st M.P.S. God bless their darling little souls!

— Thomas F. Fitzgerald,
Capt. S.C., 573rd Sig. A.W.Bn.

Editor YANKEE DOINGS:

I am taking this occasion to answer a letter from Ken Dennis in the May issue of "Yankee Doings."

Now, I am not interested in the controversy between Comrad O'Connor and Mr. Dennis as to the ability or lack of ability of the Editor, but I am certainly interested in the statement of Mr. Dennis about Supply Sergeants, Mule Skinners and M.Ps.

Strange as it may seem, all of my service with the 26th Division was with Supply Sergeants, Mule Skinners and M.Ps. I believe that these men are just as conscientious, just as necessary and just as brave as those in any other branch of the service, including the branch of which Mr. Dennis was a member. Casualties prove this. Without this branch of the service, many a Doughboy, at the front, would have starved.

The Supply Sergeants of the truck trains saw that food and clothing was brought from the rail heads to the Regimental Supply Company. From here the Mule Skinners carried it, in wagons, to the Infantry support in the trenches and the M.Ps. took care of all this traffic in the Divisional area.

Now if Mr. Dennis would care to look over the problems of supply in modern warfare, especially in our African campaigns, I think he would agree that the Supply Sergeants, Mule Skinners and M.Ps. are not scum but a very necessary part of our army.

— Daniel F. Moran,
Fitchburg Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

Worcester, Mass.
June 17, 1943.

Dear Comrades:

As I understand it The National Tribune, a weekly Washington, D. C. publication, one of the, if not the oldest veterans' papers in the country, publishes from time to time bills that are of vital important to veterans of all wars.

This bill, H.R. 1121, proposes to permit increases in pensions and compensations based upon the rise and fall of the cost of living: It may be important enough to look into and advise our comrades accordingly, and if this idea was made a monthly issue it might be a strong talking point for a rise in membership in the various

chapters throughout the country and also increase the issues of YANKEE DOINGS. Who can say no?

Yours for a larger circulation,
— Frank Ingraham.

South Boston, Mass.
June 16, 1943.

Editor YANKEE DOINGS:

In the name of all common sense, what is St. Jeanne D'Arc doing in the company of Bonaparte, Kaiser Wilhelm II, Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito, all lumped together as "foes of humanity"?

By what stretch of imagination can the "Maid of Orleans," a simple, peasant girl, patriot and saint, fighting the invaders of her native land, be classed with the predatory, professional, murdering criminals named in the verse in question? Was Washington forgotten? Or the sainted Lincoln? Even her enemies, who burned her, have long since paid their tributes to her character and her motives.

"Poetic license" may cover a lot of things but why use the pages of our magazine to offer gratuitous insult to the memory of a heroine whose name is synonymous with patriotism, virtue, unselfish devotion to duty and martyrdom?

St. Jeanne D'Arc, listed as a foe of humanity, just does not make sense, nor is it to the credit of "YANKEE DOINGS" to be the medium of spreading such a libel.

Sincerely yours,
— Joseph J. Galligan,
Co. B., 101st Infantry.

Editor's Note: Hey, wait a minute. I didn't write it. Dial Steve Walsh in Lynn and I'll bet you'll get an answer.

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41 Washington St.
New London, Conn.
June 29, 1943.

Editor YANKEE DOINGS:

The New London Chapter Y.D.V.A. deeply regrets to inform you of the passing away of our late comrade, Elmer Barnes. Comrade Barnes passed away Sunday, June 27 at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital here in New London after a brief illness.

In the passing of Comrade Barnes the Y.D.V.A., the New London Chapter and the veterans' organizations, have lost one of the finest, patriotic citizens in this city and we are deeply moved at his loss.

The services were conducted by the Murphy Rathborn Post 189 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of which our own John M. O'Connor is commander.

Congratulations should be given to that post for the splendid way they conducted the services. It is certainly a credit to them.

The members of the New London Chapter present were as follows: John M. O'Connor, Joe Woods, Kenneth Webb, Joseph Keeney, Bill Aikens, Pat Healey, Harry Kent, Bill Donegan, Henry Sullivan, Bernt Benson, John Couch, Arthur Frachette and Al Dohinda.

A large floral piece was placed on the casket with "Y.D.V.A. comrades" on the ribbon.

The members held a short meeting after the services and pledged their support to organize the chapter again.

This letter may be strange after not hearing from our chapter for such a long time, but I'll assure you that in the future you will hear from us more often and I hope that our news won't be as sad as this letter happens to be.

Yours in comradeship,
"PAT".

2092 Davidson Ave.
Bronx, N. Y.

Dear Comrade:

On May 7, 1943, while walking on Davidson Avenue (the street I live in), and returning home, an officer of the army was walking towards me and as he passed I noticed a YD on his left sleeve below the shoulder. I stopped him and said I also served in the Yankee Division and asked him what outfit. He told me he was in the 101st Infantry and I asked him, after shaking his hand, what company he was in and he told me Co. L, 101st Infantry. I told him after that, I served in Co. L, also but in World War No. 1. We again greeted each other. He told me he had been living across the street from me for 13 days, but I did not know it until a half hour before he left for Camp Gordon, Georgia. His name and rank is Allen Jordon, 2nd Lieut., Co. L, 101st Infantry, 26th Division, Camp Gordon, Georgia. Lieut. Jordon told me that the full division was at (Censored).

I do not believe the above will happen again—one YD man meets another from World War No. 1 and World War No. 2—the same company and living on the same street.

Sincerely,
— Joseph Greenberg.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FLIES SERVICE FLAG

A new service flag, in honor of YD men now serving their country in World War II, flies in the breeze at National Headquarters side by side with the Colors.

On it one may see a large blue star with the numerals "387" and beside it two gold stars for two members who have given their lives for our country.

SEPTEMBER DOINGS ARE DEDICATED TO MASSACHUSETTS

Next month's issue is dedicated to Massachusetts. Is it too much to ask that all Chapters send in something?

National Commander Speaks

When I say no YD convention can be of less duration than two days, I know I speak the sentiment of all who attended our Annual Convention last month. Never have I attended a convention where the business session was handled with such interest and dispatch. Full credit is due P. C. Ben Bourn for the able manner in which he conducted these meetings. Last year was a hard and trying one. Our association was indeed most fortunate in having chosen Ben for our leader. He did a magnificent job in the true YD spirit. One of the highlights of the convention was the speech by P.C. Len Maloney when presenting Frank "YD" Sibley with our plaque. We all know Colonel Len for his eloquence, but this time he actually outdid himself. It is just too bad the entire convention could not have witnessed this presentation. It was something never to be forgotten, and the smiles on Frank "YD" Sibley's face did us all good.

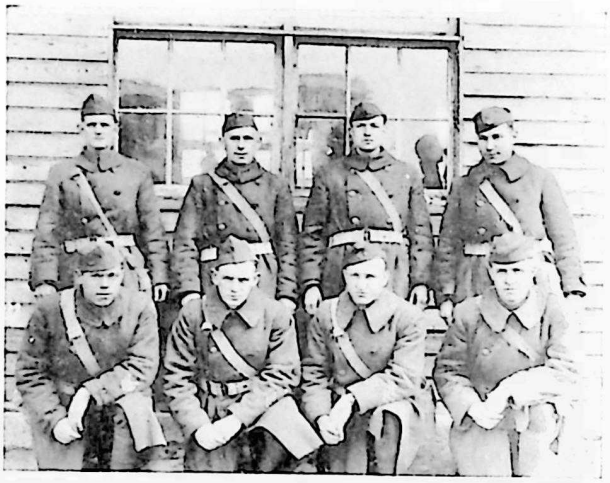
Comrades, we are starting on a new year. You have selected to work with me a fine bunch of fellows. I am sure each will do his part in building up our association. However, we cannot do a creditable job by ourselves. We need the assistance of each and every one of you. I hope all chapters will continue their monthly meetings this year without the usual summer vacations. I fully realize many of our members are working on defense projects, with many on night shifts. Nevertheless, if just a handful attend each meeting, the YD spirit will be there and soon the chapter membership and attendance will expand.

In closing I wish again to repeat my hope and wish, which is, that each member of the Y.D. V.A. consider himself a committee of one to bring into the fold this year at least one new member. If you will pledge me this support we will have a banner year. Thanks.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER HONORS WAR DEAD AT ARLINGTON

Washington Chapter without fanfare or publicity has seen to it that the grave of every YD man buried at Arlington National Cemetery and vicinity was decorated on Memorial Day.

We would like to print the list of all men whom they honored but since space does not permit we urge you to send them the name of any comrade you know to be buried there. This will premit them to check their list.



Do You Know Who These Are?

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The first National Executive Committee meeting to be held since the Convention met at Nat'l Hdqrs., Boston, Mass., on Sunday, July 11th.

Those present were Nat. Comm. William A. Forsyth, Nat. Sec. H. Guy Watts, Exec. Comm. at Lge., Eugene Dugas. Mass. State Dept. was represented by Commander Crain, V. Comm. Heftye and Treasurer Farrell. Boston by Commander Simmons, Marlboro by Comm. LaBossiere and Sec. Sherman.

A Motion was made to nominate and elect the present Nat'l Secretary H. Guy Watts for the following year for National Secretary. Motion Passed.

P.N.C. A. Raymond Doucette was appointed National Publicity Officer with the power to select his Assistants from the different Departments.

National Commander Forsyth appointed Harvey Ellis (Phil. Chapter) as National Sgt.-at-Arms with James H. Sullivan (Boston Chapter) as Asst. Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms.

Much discussion was had on increasing of Membership. The Springfield plan of sending a bill every month with the notice of meetings was thought very good but not practical in some cases. Personal contact was thought the best way to get dues from delinquents, but transportation difficulties will slow up that method for the duration.

"SOMEWHERE IN NORTH AFRICA"

I thought you might be interested in what happens to an old soldier who returns to a theater of war as a damn civilian. At the outset let me assure you that he knows right away that the old gray mare ain't what she used to be. His new world is filled with soldiers but not the ones he used to know, with whom he had a close contact and in whom he had a very personal interest. The soldiers of this new world are many of them the sons of friends, but they don't know this old codger. Naturally enough they have their own interests, interests developed as we developed ours, through long months of association together. Therefore the old bird just watches them a bit hungrily but they don't know that he exists. Now and then a retread comes along whose Victory ribbon tells you that he at least knew something of your days but for the most part he too is preoccupied with what is going on today. And that is as it should be. None of the foregoing is uttered by way of complaint or criticism. It's a statement of fact for the benefit of any of you who may be wishing you were out here but wishing from the point of view of one who is experienced in the life of an overseas soldier.

There are differences between these kids and us and you may be set back a bit to know that they don't do some of the things we should not have done and they do some things better than we did. Of course they had better training when they came out here. Then too they have had tougher, more sustained fighting than we had. They are facing as well as using tougher weapons than we faced or used. The result is that I think they are more serious. They drink a good deal less and it seems to me that although they apparently have a good time that it's a more orderly and restrained good time than that some of our braves were specialists in.

I trust none of this will offend the pride of the old boys. If they were out here I don't think they'd kick or feel that these kids are anything but 100% of what we hoped and that they would be. They are doing a whale of a good job in a damn good way. After all that is the best isn't it? We can get a little comfort out of the fact that they are the kids of our generation. We brought them up, didn't we?

This country in many of its parts is not unlike France and the villages in many places look, smell and sound just about the same as did the ones we all knew. The only novel addition is the Arab whose picturesqueness in many ways changes the scene and atmosphere some but not very vitally. There is a definite absence from the streets at least, of a type of female we saw more or less commonly. I don't know what goes on behind the shutters but nothing meets the eye. And since you do go around more or less subconsciously comparing today with yesterday, I think you'd see it if it existed—and that's making all necessary allowances for age.

There are some topics in which I know you are interested but so too is the censor. Conflicts of local opinion, differing points of view on national subjects are, I suppose, properly out. And I think wisely too. Time has its influence on thought and if a lot of us undertake to describe some things to you, in the first place many will be wholly wrong, many only partly right and many may be right but it isn't up to us to sound off on a matter which is not our personal affair. So a subject in which I'm deeply interested and I believe you too, has to go by the board at least for now. In March 1918 an old French woman told me of the death of her sons and of her husband as well as of the disappearance of her two daughters who were in a religious order. The tears ran down her cheeks. Finally she dried her eyes and said: "But they can never kill the heart and soul of France." That is as true today as it was then. I am convinced that you can accept it as true that, if she had tongue to speak, France could and would say today:

"It matters not how black the night
How charged with punishment scroll,
I AM the master of my fate,
The captain of my soul."

Let's leave it there in confidence.

The world has shrunk to small proportions since we were young. This peace will have been won as Churchill said by blood, sweat and tears. By the expenditure of vast treasure too. When won it must be made as permanent as human ingenuity, effort and common understanding can make it.

Washington's Farewell Address is out as a document of modern advice. The errors of Wilson and Lodge cannot be permitted to recur. If the white race does not stop decimating itself every generation, common sense shows that it will become decadent. We are going to have to participate in a manner wholly consistent with our world position in insisting upon, maintaining and enforcing peace in this world. If we do not do so we only promise our grandsons a repetition of that which befell us and has befallen our sons. It may be costly in money but better that cost than one made in blood and human misery.

Maybe I'll be seeing you in September.

Sincerely,
— Jud.

Dan Strickland, Co. D, 102nd Infantry, came to New Haven recently from his mountain retreat in Vermont. Dan has done a good job of winning back his health.

— V —

Jack Dooley and Jack Bathgate, Co. C, 102nd Infantry, have been discharged from the Newington Veterans Hospital.

— V —

Past State Commander Clarence Geer is in charge of police protection at Air Radio, Stamford.

— V —

William G. Feerch, 104th Ambulance Company, is now a captain in the Army.

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Col. Charles W. Comfort, Jr.,

Dear Charles:

Remember us? We're your buddies of the greatest organization of war veterans that ever donned the uniform of the U. S. Army. We are the guys who have been sending you cards each month to show you how proud we all are to have our comrades of the last World War doing their bit in the present global mess.

We're the guys whose old bones are not so plaint as yours,whose muscles have been nicked by Father Time but who, nevertheless, would like to be out there pitching just as you are doing.We hope you will let us fight this war through you and through our sons and daughters.You won't be surprised to hear that most of us have kids in this affair, kids who are upholding the finest traditions of YD. You have been seeing their pictures in every issue of DOINGS. We are damn proud of these kids and we are proud of you, too.

In-as-much as this is April, the month in which our thoughts go back to that day in 1918 when Fritz unleashed a couple of buckets full of hell upon the "Tin Soldiers" of the old YD, it occured to us that it would be fitting to send you something more personal than the formal autographed card we have been sending. Hence this letter from your pals on the home front.We are doing our damndest to keep the home fires burning with the fires of patriotic endeavor. We are buying bonds, individually and as a Chapter. We helped put the Red Cross drive over the top here with a bang that must have made Schickelgruber shiver. You know they uncorked that Red Cross drive right when we were digging deep for dough for our income taxes but we did both jobs in real YD style. We too are giving our life's blood; in our case, it is to save a life by donating Blood Plasma to the Red Cross Bank.

Just to be sure you do not miss it we are sending you a copy of the Silver Anniversary Issue of Doings. We want to be sure you see the swell historical write-up of New Haven Chapter. We want you to feel that you are part and parcel of the liveliest chapter in YDVA. We want you to be sure to visit the Club when you are home on furlough, a real welcome awaits you.

Goodluck,Buddy.Please be assured that the commander,the officers and members of New Haven Chapter, YDVA, are at your service.

Sincerely,

Attest:

Alexander J. Flynn
Secretary

Connecticut's Liveliest Chapter

Henry J. Dubé
Commander

YD SONS AND A DAUGHTER IN SERVICE

CORP. PAUL LINDGREN
U. S. Marines
★
Son of
P.D.C. Lawrence E. Lindgren
Battery D, 102nd F.A.

PVT. LAWRENCE E. LINDGREN
U. S. Army
★
Son of
P.D.C. Lawrence E. Lindgren
Battery D, 102nd F.A.

AUX. MARY L. HANNON
41st W.A.C. Hdg. Co.
Camp Edwards, Mass.
★
Daughter of
Wm. M. Hannon
102nd Inf. & Q.M. Div. Hdqs.

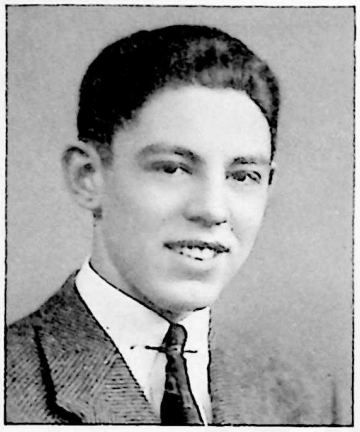
★ ★

P.F.C. EUGENE KAZIN
C. S. C.E.
Greeley, Col.
★
Son of
I. Kazin
Co. B, 103rd M.G.B.

Seaman 2/c WILLIAM H. HALL
U. S. Coast Guard (N.Y.C.)
★
Son of
Gardiner H. Hall
101st M.G. Battalion

JAMES C. GIRVAN - S1/c
U. S. Naval Armed Guard
★
Son of
James J. Girvan
Battery B, 103rd F.A.

YD SONS IN SERVICE



CHARLES T. ROSSEEL
Army Air Corps
★
Son of
Raymond J. Rosseel
Co. G, 101st Infantry

JOHN R. ROSSEEL
Army Air Corps
★
Son of
Raymond J. Rosseel
Co. G, 101st Infantry

APO

Harry Schmid, formerly of Co. L, 102nd Infantry, died suddenly on May 22 following a heart attack. He was a member of New Haven Chapter. Affectionately known as "Mexican Pete" because of the mule and sombrero he sported at Nogales in 1916, Comrade Schmid was active in YD affairs in New Haven for many years. For the past few years poor health has prevented his attendance at meetings.

— V —

Bill Shannon, formerly 102nd F.A., but now a Lieut. Col. somewhere in Africa writes that he didn't see anything in DOINGS about another comrade back in harness, in this case Albert Hayes. It's now Major Hayes, J.A.S., and long ago he served with the Mach. Gun Co. of the 101st Infantry. It seems incredible that this little magazine which we compose in a little New England town is being read all over the world.

— V —

Joe P. Oakes, of Lawrence, Mass., one-time top-kick of H Co., 101st Infantry, has been appointed program director of radio station WLAW, Lawrence. Our congratulations to another YD man who has made the grade as Joe has spent the last 16 years in the radio field.

Fred Sullivan, Police Chief of Bedford, Mass., member of Concord Chapter and very good friend of the editor, (I might get stopped there after the war), postcards that "Del Grosso is now in South America as a Seabee. He got himself a brand-new wife a year ago, left shortly after, still has the wife AND a new baby!"

— V —

Speaking of wedding bells another anonymous tip informs us that Ray Markham, M Co., 104th Infantry got married at Woonsocket, R. I., June 26th. Lots of luck soldier.

— V —

Note to Judson Hannigan, Somewhere in No. Africa: "Your letter was so interesting that we are using it in full in the September issue of DOINGS. Convention news, etc., in this issue would mean cutting out parts of it to fit this issue. Ed.

— V —

At the State Encampment of the VFW at Lewiston, Maine, on June 5th, Lester E. Walker of Skowhegan was elected Department Commander. He served with E Co., Second Maine which became part of the 103rd. Waterville Chapter of which he is a member is darned proud of him too.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: William A. Forsyth, Philadelphia, Pa.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: J. W. Melanson, 28 Lawn Ave., Portland, Me.
Dep't. Secretary: Elton P. Walker, 94 Beckett St., Portland, Maine

Dear Comrades:

The Y.D.V.A. convention has come and gone, and as Commander of the Department of Maine, I take this time to thank all the loyal YD men who have kept the chapters and the old YD spirit alive.

I personally want to meet all heads of the chapters and all the YD men who have kept the chapters alive by paying their dues and getting new members, for it is the new members that we need to place new life and new ideas which are always welcome, and really mean so much.

I will try to start new chapters with the help of you loyal YD men, and I realize that it is a big undertaking, but with a little help from all, this can be done for if all the members that now belong would only take it upon themselves to get a new member we would be over the top long before the Zero Hour.

I am going to try and visit each chapter as quickly as possible, but I ask the men of Maine to bear with me for a while, as the rationing of gas will slow me up a bit on my visits, but I will be there with you at some meeting in the fall.

We of the YD have a lot to offer at this time to new members and at no time was the membership in the Y.D.V.A. as high as it is now. This speaks well for the loyal workers who have made it possible for this to happen.

Maine is not as high in membership as it should be. We are below the yearly average, and this means I shall need the help of all YD men to get more members, and more chapters.

Farmington, Maine—What is the matter? What can I do to help? Please let me know. Skowhegan, Maine—Where is your chapter? What about Frank Walter and the rest? Let's get started again. You can look with pride on your chapter and your YD Service. Don't let me down. Let's take the Hill again and hold it. If there is anything I can do drop me a line. Has anybody heard from the boys in Rumford, the home of the famous Company B? I think I shall take my hat off to Waterville and Lewiston—they are still in there fighting—have good chapters and hold meeting regular. Cumberland Chapter is getting new members each month and have a lot of live wires.

I know that we all are busy and want to rest all the time now, but the meetings with the boys, where you can still talk as you please and still fight our own war once more, should mean a lot to us all for you cannot buy your way into the old YD Division. With the boys in World War No. 2 coming back we will be placed on the shelves everywhere but in our own division, and the only place we can carry on will be in the YD Chapters. So let's go, boys from the Pine Tree State; you were always proud of that state and let's show the Y.D.V.A. and the rest of the United States that we are still as good or think we are, as the days of 1917 and 1918. Those that have not paid their dues—will you do so now and those that once belonged and for one reason or another dropped out, won't you send in your dues and join this fight again for it is your division and your chapters and we need you and want you.

— J. W. Melanson.

PORTLAND

Cumberland County Chapter
Commander: Earl A. Howard
15 Wood St., Portland, Me.
Secretary: Austin G. Lund
168 Franklin St., Portland, Me.

On Wednesday evening, June 2, we had a fine time at the home of Commander and Mrs. Earl A. Howard. Present were Vice-Commander, Oliver C. Dudley; Secretary, Austin G. Lund; Past Commander and Mrs. Orin H. Tyler; Trustees, Weldon J. Melanson and Mishel Kahill.

Mrs. Tyler, president of our auxiliary, gave us a fine report on auxiliary activities. High-

light of her report was that on Decoration Day, she with Mrs. Merritt G. Pride and Mrs. Elmer I. Garsoe, visited a veterans' hospital in Massachusetts and distributed $200 worth of flowers among wounded veterans recently returned from the front. This was made possible by the cooperation of both chapter and auxiliary members, especially the work, time and expense put in by the above named that visited the hospital.

It was revealed that there is much need for tools, of any kind, for wood work and carving also any musical instrument, small radios and Wild West and Detective story magazines. Anyone wishing to contribute carpenter tools or any of the above named articles or money to buy them with, please send same in good order to Commander Howard and he will see that they are properly placed in the hands of wounded veterans that can make good use of them while trying to get well and back to normal life again.

Only the above described magazines are wanted as they are already well supplied with other reading material. Every article received by Commander Howard will be acknowledged through this column together with name of contributor. A committee appointed by Commander Howard to assist him in this work are Mishel Kahill, Orin H. Tyler and Elton P. Walker.

At the close of the meeting we were served ice cream, cake and coffee by Mrs. Howard and needless to say we all went home very happy with our stomachs full. Many thanks Mrs. Howard.

We were very happy to have the following two new members join our chapter recently: Curtis L. Crosier, Co. M, 104th Inf., and Derby L. Going, Bat. D, 101st F.A.

Chapter members and their wives attending the convention in Boston were: Commander and Mrs. Howard, Past Commander and Mrs. Tyler, Secretary Lund, Samuel A. Kimball and last but not by any means the least, Weldon J. Melanson now our newly elected Dept. Commander.

We are very pleased to see Commander Melanson honored in this way, as he is an old time member and always works hard and shows much interest in YD affairs. All get in and help him put the Maine YD where it should be with a much larger membership. It can be done and we know Melanson will gladly lead the way to that end.

— Austin G. Lund.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Gilbert Young, 146 Canal St., Nashua, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Eugene LaFlame, 39 Newbury St., Nashua, N. H.

NASHUA

Commander: Walter M. Parker
4 Wellman Ave., Nashua, N. H.
Secretary: Eugene LaFlame
20 Harvard St., Nashua, N. H.

Just a line to let you know that the Nashua Chapter installed their officers May 30. They were: Walter M. Parker, Commander; Carl Morton, Senior Commander; Diamond Nadeau, Junior Commander; Leo Grandmasion, Chaplain, and Eugene LaFlame, Secretary-Treasurer.

Also a report on state officers. Gilbert Young, N. H. State Commander, 146 Canal street, Nashua N. H.

Others officers elected were: Senior Vice Commander, Fred Trechier, Lebanon, N. H.; Junior Vice Commander, Carl Morton, 9 Sands Street, Nashua, N. H.; Treasurer, William J. McNulty, Nashua, N. H.; State Secretary, Eugene LaFlame, 39 Newberry Street, Nashua, N. H.; Chaplain, Forrest J. Drury, Manchester, N. H.; Sergeant-at-Arms, Fred Walker, 206 Pine Street, Nashua, N. H.

The officers were installed by the Past National Sergeant-at-Arms, William J. McNulty.

Plans were discussed for attendance to the National YD convention in Boston, June 26, 27, 1943.

— Eugene LaFlame.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: C. L. Locklin, 8 Brainerd St., St. Albans, Vt.
Dep't. Secretary: Joseph G. Abair, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.

MORRISVILLE
Commander: Lewis F. Delano
Morrisville, Vt.
Secretary: Earle J. Morrill
Morrisville, Vt.

The Lamoille County Y.D. Post held its meeting last month and elected officers' as follows: Lewis Delano, Commander; P. A. Sweetser, Vice-Commander; Jim Kelley, Chaplain; Ernest Mercia, Treasurer, and Earle Morrill, Secretary.

While the board of strategy figured out the points of attack on Europe and marked them on a large map, the ladies got refreshments ready.

The post would like to hear more from some of the boys in their old outfits—buddies who broke hardtack and ate burlap pudding together.

Three of the boys in this post have boys in the service. They are: Ernest Mercia (two), Percy Sweetser and "Dope" Woodbury, each one. We are trying to get hold of their pictures to send to this magazine. Some of us have no boys, but we have girls. Little Mary Lee Morrill (five years old), sold over 100 poppies this year alone.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Ernest Mercia. We haven't much gas to run around with up in Vermont, but what do we care—the old YD always did a lot of hiking. "Only a few more kilos buddy." Let's hear from more of the gang.

— Ex. Morrill.

ST. ALBANS

The following men are members of St. Albans and Franklin County chapters: Buddy are you here?

Harris Alexander, 104th F. Hos.; John Bushey, Co. D, 103rd M.G.Bn.; Cliff Kelley, Co. C, 103rd M.G.Bn.; Donald Cullen, Co. C, 103rd M.G.Bn.; Jim Brooks, Hdgs. 101st M.G.Bn.; Gene Finn, Co. D, 103rd M.G.Bn.; Claude Locklin, Co. C, 103rd M.G.Bn.; Charles Shannon, Co. D, 103rd M.G.Bn.; A. E. Spaulding, Co. F, 101st Am. Tn.; Jack B. Woods, Co. B, 103rd M.G.Bn. and Detc. Service; Arthur Withington, Co. E, 101st Am. Tn.

— C. L. Locklin.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: John H. Crain, 160 Union St., Leominster, Mass.

BEVERLY
Commander: William H. Davis
11 Woodlawn Ave., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: Frank L. Smith
2 Harrison Ave., Beverly, Mass.

You'll notice by the headline that our chapter has had an installation. In spite of old age, overtime work, Victory Gardens, and other handicaps, we got the ever reliable from Salem, Emil "Donald Duck" Thibault, to come to Beverly and do the honors. We didn't make much of a splash but we got a start anyway.

Now that that announcement is out of the way, I'll try to spill some of the gossip.

Beverly Chapter took an active part in our city observance of "I am an American Day." Your's truly had the job of heading off the parade and had as assistants Bill Davis, Les Morgan, Fred Creed, and Clarence Howard. That's all there were, there wasn't anymore, and they were all good YD men. And we had about 2500 in the parade. The best YD man of the day, however, the chairman of the local observance, was friend wife, and I'll admit it.

It's Bosn' Mate First Class Robert J. Standley, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, now. Bob has graduated from his job of chapter commander of last year to bossing the local shore patrol. Can you get an old artillery man swinging those wide bottom sea-going pants?

Master Sgt. Abe Katz, 102nd F.A., Louis Saulnier, and Dewey Benoit, have all joined me in the old age group. They have all been discharged from the present guerre and have returned to our midst. While I'm on the subject of old age, we have one young fellow in

our chapter that disents. He has just retired as president of Rotary. He is City Chairman of USO, Chief of the local Air Warning Service, an officer of the Chamber of Commerce, the Cooperative Bank, the Y.M.C.A., the Legion Bldg. Corp., and he still finds time to go to New Brunswick and clean all the fish out of their biggest ponds. You've got the right kind of bait, Comrade Leslie Morgan. More power to you.

We've started a button busters club among YD men here in town. Charlie "Scaler" L'Heureaux snapped them all off his vest recently when his boy got his wings in the Air Corps. Bob Charleton lost a few when his son got a commission. Al Zwicker donated buttons when Al, Jr., flew home from Tunisia recently. Bill Davis donated when young Bill went into the Air Cadets. I'll not admit how many I threw in when Bill Emory Smith came up as a captain of infantry. I can't call them all, but George Bright, Fred Creed, Al Stevens, Larry Monies, Austin Andrews, Ben Runnals, Rol Cook, Earle Grant, Carl Joslin, and maybe more of the boys better start saving. They may be throwing buttons before long. Well, that's that.

— Frank L. Smith.

BOSTON

Commander: Joseph C. Simmons
21 Strathmore Rd., Wakefield, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The Regular Monthly Smoker for July was held on the third Thursday with Major Bernard J. Duffy, Special Service Officer, attached to the First Service Command as the Guest Speaker.

Major Duffy gave a very interesting talk on the new army, comparing the soldiers of this war with World War No. 1. He had many interesting stories and kept the audience interested for over an hour.

First Sgt. Edwin M. Malone was a visitor at the club for a few days. Ed is with the 285th Ordnance Co. at Camp McLellan, Ala., and had a 10-day furlough. He was looking great and it seems the army has acted as a tonic to him.

Chick Meade, who is also with the Ordnance at Texarcana, Texas, was home on a furlough.

David E. Dickson, formerly with Hdqrs. Co., 101st Infantry, who has been located with the Engineering Dept. at Pedro Miguel, Canal Zone for the past 15 years, visited the club for the first time in many years.

Received a letter from Lt. Col. Harold J. Smith, Past President of the club, who is with the 10th Air Force in India, saying he has received the April and May issues of DOINGS and they were sure welcome. Also said that the temperature had dropped slightly that day to 138.

John Mullaney, who is with the Air Corps in the West, was home on furlough recently.

CONCORD

"Minute Man Chapter"
Commander: William L. McCarthy
407 Main St., West Concord, Mass.
Secretary: Michael J. Dee
222 Elm St., West Concord, Mass.

June meeting held in State Armory with P.N.C. Austin Appleby, Nat. Sec. Guy Watts and Cowboy Jim Sullivan as guests and to install the new officers. McCarthy was installed as Commander, George E. Tobin as Senior Vice, Rex Morgan, Junior Vice, Pete Pratt as Treasurer, Michael J. Dee as Secretary, John O'Grady as Sgt.-at-Arms, and Fred Moreau as Chaplain. Guy Watts gave a short talk on the coming convention at Boston.

After the meeting refreshments were served and movies were shown by our good friend Rothwell MacRae, the local funeral director, a good guy to keep talking back to). Minute Man Chapter had seven comrades at the convention at Boston. They were Mike Dee, John Dolan, Alex MacEachern, Fred Moreau, Wilfred Helsher, Al Jules and McCarthy. All had a swell time and reported home before midnight.

The July meeting was held on Tuesday, July 13th and it was so hot that even the ammunition got hot before the gang got at it. What am I doing? Ned McKenna is in the mood to write and wanted to do a little, just to show Sully he can use a pencil, so here it is. Fred Sullivan was in his usual mood dictating to us all. Joie Dee is drinking ginger ale and Rex Morgan has let us down by quitting as our finance officer. Our esteemed secretary, Harold Clapp, was on hand with his jovial smile and what a job he did on the chicken. Fred Moreau was on hand still singing the praises of the 104th. John Dunn was down from Maynard and still says that Concord is a one-horse town. Harold Mooney of the 101st Machine Gun Co. said he enjoyed himself

but he came with Fred Sullivan and he had to give him a lift home. This was one time that Mooney walked out by himself.

Good writing Ned and at the next meeting will see about making you the scribe of the outfit.

— William L. McCarthy.

DANVERS
Commander: Paul Moore
5 Oak St., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Well Danvers Chapter has closed up shop for the summer bringing to an end the most successful year we have ever had since we organized. We closed the year with 27 members but we go into the coming year with 39 paid up members and we are still angling for a few more but our possibilities are limited. We have scooped about all we can get in this locality. We will open again again in September and we are all looking forward to the same good times we had last year.

Our final meeting was held Saturday, June 19 at the beautiful estate of our first Commander, Harold B. Williams, who put on the finest clambake one could ever wish for. A good many of us have attended clambakes all over this part of the country but never have we enjoyed one anywhere like the bakes Harold puts on.

We had 30 members and 10 guests. We had steamed clams, a lobster apiece, a half chicken, potatoes, ice cream and plenty of good ale. Harold was chef and was ably assisted by Ernie Fossa, Harvey Bishop and Doc Blanchard.

For guests we had Walter Morse, Commander of the American Legion and no YD meeting would be complete without Walter. He is a swell guy and even though not a YD boy there is nothing he wouldn't do to assist the YD chapter. We trust that he will always be at our meetings even when he goes out as commander of the American Legion.

Then we had Norman Weeks, Commander of the V.F.W. Norman was a marine and though a newcomer to our meetings I know he had a swell time because he told me so personally.

Bill Marlowe, a past commander of the V.F.W. and an old navy boy of 27 years and now serving again as chief petty officer was with us. Boy can he eat. I don't think the navy had fed him for a week.

Deacon Wells, Chaplain for the V.F.W. and the next commander of the American Legion was with us. Charlie is the popular druggist round town and a swell gent. I heard one member say he is a good fellow to keep on the right side of especially if prohibition comes in again. That bird sure likes his Coca Cola.

Then we have Bill Davis, Joe Murphy, Charlie Fossa, the Wop, George Thompson, good friends of the YD and they get sore if you don't ask them to attend our meetings. They are all regular fellows and we are glad to have them.

It sure was great to see our old buddy, Ralph Porter attend. Ralph was very patriotic. He rode his bike in the broiling sun and was he mad when he saw that everybody came on foot?

Charlie Eickner, my old B Co. buddy, came all the way from Lawrence. Scotty Berry and Earl Pauley, two more from the 104th Inf., came from Salem and the member of the Turkish clan from Peabody was there but he let his side kick, Allie Mustaphs Spence at home although he did manage to get his brother Allis Mustaphe Blanchard out.

The only member of the chapter now in the service, Serg Wes Grover, came on from Framingham.

The highlight of the meeting was the wild boar hunt staged by Jack Condon. Everybody was betting on the pigs when Harold's wife, our genial hostess and who goes all out to see that the boys are well taken care of, appeared on the scene and broke up the hunt, but not before Jack had one by the leg but he got away. Harold's wife had visions of a shortage of pork for next winter if Jack had continued the hunt.

Philly Smith of the shock troops, 104th Inf., expressed his regret at not being able to bring the sheriff from Norfolk County. He feels that the boys should get to know him as they may be working for him some day.

Well it was a very successful closing meeting and now the boys are putting a buzz in my ear to ask Harold to put another one on for our opening meeting in September, but you know how it is fellows I hate to impose on a good fellow. There is a lot of work to one of these. However, who knows what will happen before September rolls around. We may get a surprise some day and find a notice reading—The next meeting of the YD Chapter will be held at the home of our First Commander, Harold B. Williams. You never can tell.

Harold Williams, Harvey Bishop and yours

truly attended the one-day convention in Boston and while things were rather quiet compared to other years still we had a good time. We met the corporal anyway! And the attendance was really surprising considering the times which shows the old YD spirit is still alive. I believe we have elected a good commander in the person of Bill Forsythe from Philadelphia and at this time the members of the chapter wish him the best of luck during his administration which at this time is harder than when things are normal. However Bill, if you can get up around here next September we are extending you an invitation to our meeting which is always known as National Commanders Night, but with these uncertain times Bill we will not feel slighted if you can't make it. Good luck Bill for the coming year. Danvers Chapter has already given you 12 new members for the year and if all chapters will increase their membership as we have I know you will feel your year has not been too bad—so let all chapters get behind Bill and give him the largest membership in the history of the Y.D.V.A. It can be done if we all go to town.

One guest I forgot to mention was Ernie Ramano. He is the chief technician at the new Sylvania factory here in Danvers and a great friend of Harold's. We were pleased to have him with us and the boys hope to see more of him. Doc Blanchard, who acted as K.P., is another boy the YD fellows think a lot of. Doc is a veteran of the last war and is again at his old stand in the navy.

I might add that at the national convention I was pleased to receive from the national organization a meritorious certificate which was awarded to our good friend Frank Cook who has done so much in providing entertainment at all our meetings. This will be presented to Frank with due ceremonies at our next meeting.

Well Jules you asked for more news from YD chapters. I hope I am not overdoing it. I am sending photos of the clambake which I hope you can include in your next issue.

— Charles W. Davis.

LYNN
Commander: Earl Bailey
77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.
Secretary: Edmund Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Not much doing these hot, sultry days, but each Tuesday night, the gang meet and carry on the necessary routine for a successful chapter.

Our Junior Drum Corps has been very busy, parading in Swampscott with the chapter on July 4th and at several other celebrations on July 4th and 5th.

Gustave Johnson, the chairman of Drum Corps, is doing a grand job. Commander Earl Bailey is working hard and is pretty tired out, attending installations and dedications but wants to keep YD alive in Lynn.

One of our good, hard working and reliable members has left us. Royal Thomas, a member for over 15 years, head physical director at the local Y.M.C.A., has accepted a new job with the U.S.O. in San Diego, Cal. and left for his new job July 9th. At least 10 testimonials were held for him and his fine wife Betty. We held one at our quarters on July 6th with a banquet and entertainment. Caterer Witham served a fine roast beef dinner from soup to nuts. Walter Smith was master of ceremonies and did a fine job of it. The Mayor of our fair city, Arthur Frawley, was the feature speaker and remarks were made by Commander Bailey, Gustave Johnson, P.N.C.A. Ray Doucette, Robert Newman S.V.C.—Leon Denis all the way from Ayer, Roy Knox, Art Pierce and all had a good word for a real true YD man. Royal received a beautiful YD plaque, a brief case and a YD history with each guest's signature. Betty Thomas received a beautiful bouquet from the auxiliary, presentation being made by President Jeannette Schacht.

Entertainment included community singing led by yours truly and songs by Patrick Cuffe, Edward Saulnier, William Eddows, Ray Doucette and a trio composed of three 103rd Field Artillerymen, Percy Paige, Francis Tetlow and the guest of honor, Royal Thomas.

They did a swell job of it and were given a big hand. Leora Johnson took care of the piano for the evening and did a grand job which we greatly appreciate, and her boss, Gus Johnson deserves a lot of credit for all the hard work he did to put the affair over with a bang.

Dancing was enjoyed the latter part of the evening and Royal and Betty were pretty tired guests after a big night, lots of nice things said about them and a strong hand shake from all.

Lynn will miss you Royal and Betty. Good luck and Godspeed on your new job and surroundings.

Our monthly smoker was held as usual with State Representative Frederick Willis giving us the inside dope on Veterans' Legislation and the

Chateau Thierry Club carrying on as usual with Dick Hennessey, Leslie Pugh, Bill Eddows, Oliver Nichols, Claude Hoag and The Duke, providing the real punch for the evening.

The last Tuesday of July we will hold another bang-up affair and if you out-of-towners have any extra gas, drop in on us.

— Ray Doucette.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Louis Marcoux
34 Arlington St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Charles Bowden
55 Fruit St., New Bedford, Mass.

As there were no YANKEE DOINGS published for July, I will endeavor to cover two meetings for our August issue.

Regular meeting was held in Carpenter's Hall on June 8th. Commander Marcoux presiding.

We had a fairly good attendance which was gratifying to our new Commander.

The discussion of membership and how to raise money was the main topic of the evening, as "Beano" is out.

Although we are not lagging in our membership drive, we have gained eleven new members since our installation, it is not enough, as there are about sixty more YD men in our local midst that should be in.

The new officers have pledged themselves to obtain at least one hundred members, so let's get going fellows and see if we can reach that goal by September.

Our drum corps is still going strong under the leadership of Len McDonnell. They were with us on May 23rd when we participated in the exercises at the grave of Private A. Porrier a member of Bat. D, 102nd F. A., who died in France.

Our hats go off this month to two of our faithful comrades, Dr. Frederick Winship and Dr. A. B. Crowe, both happen to be very busy men at their practice, but they always show up at the meetings.

Another comrade who is doing well in his line of business is E. Raymond Manchester, a field underwriter for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, has been cited by his firm for leading in the number of applications in the Providence area during 1942.

I hope Ray will take time out and bring a few YD applications in, you see Ray was my Sergt. so I am getting back at him.

We lost another YD man on June 21st, James Metcalf, who was a member of Bat. D, 102nd F. A., 26th Div. He was a man liked by all who knew him, died with a stomach ailment after being in the hospital six weeks.

Comrade Metcalf before enlisting in Bat. D, was a loom fixer but when he came back and resumed his work he rose steadily until he was the General Superintendent of the Wamsutta Mills in New Bedford.

Our July 13th meeting was held in Carpenter's Hall, Sixth St., at 8 p. m. Owing to the bus strike there were not too many members present.

The highlight of the meeting was to present the Past Commander's badge to W. H. Barter, who sure earned it.

As we voted to adjourn until the second Tuesday in Sept., I hope we will reach that one hundred membership by then.

I have quite a few names of comrades who have sons and daughters in this war which they will read about in September DOINGS.

Congratulations to our New National Commander W. A. Forsyth and our hats off to retiring Commander Ben Bourn.

See you all in September!

— C. A. B.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roy M. Coons
51 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.

Bill (Bucky) Gear took over a new position while attending the convention. He could be seen outside the Hotel Statler driving a sightseeing wagon with his stove pipe hat, long tails and driving gloves. The horse was wearing his beret and his only passenger was Roe Rush. Bill said it was nothing like the railroad.

At least the two C's enjoyed the taxi ride and lobster supper Saturday evening. Comrade Chapman said he could not possibly eat another thing.

It was a great pleasure to have with us Mr. and Mrs. William (Boston) Kelly of the Phila Chapter. Mrs. Kelly and the two children came by airplane and I do hope they had a good time while they were with us. As you all know when Kelly drinks everybody pays (even Kelly). (Ed. Note: T'aint the way I knowed it in Liffol le Grand).

Another guest we enjoyed seeing, who always was a good pal of the chapter was Dave Horne,

who ran the beano for the chapter. It was good seeing you Dave. (Don't be such a stranger).

Howard (Bob) Phelps took to the races Saturday afternoon and when asked what kept him said he was trying to catch the horses he bet on.

It seemed as though the Springfield Chapter caused an ice shortage at the Hotel Lenox and the only reason I can think was that the auxiliary kept menfolks awake all night and the poor men had to do something for their headaches. (Why don't you women go to sleep? Ask Rae Rush, poor girl, she was tired).

Sunday we had the honor of having our newly elected National Commander, William Forsythe and D. Higgins drop in for a while and we all wish he and his officers the best of luck for the coming year.

There is now in the chapter one super-duper hornet, one Sr. and two Jr. hornets and believe me you boys will have to do a lot of buzzing around to become a hornet. If you don't believe it ask Coons, Chapman, Greer and Valentine.

Ever since I started to write this item I have been racking my brain trying to get something to write about our Commander, R. Patch and believe me it is hard to find anything. Well some one had to stay sober.

— Roy M. Coons.

Springfield Auxiliary

Our first meeting with the new officers was called April 19 and if they were as nervous as I was I feel sorry for them. It has been a long time since I was secretary, in fact about 12 years when the YD Auxiliary was having its "growing pains."

After the meeting we adjourned to one of the eating places and had lunch and then separated for our respective homes.

On May 17 we had our second meeting and Florence Patch was acting secretary. The heavens let loose with a terrific rainstorm and kept many members away but the meeting was very successful for aye that.

Victory gardens are more than in the limelight just now and one of our ladies by the name of Mildred Harris has more than dug in.

Ann Valentine heard an odd puffing and rattling coming up the street the other day and running to the door she first saw Mildred Harris on a bicycle and coming up in the rear was a cart hitched on the bicycle filled with fertilizer, tools and what not. A good laugh was enjoyed by them and Ann sighed and said "Oh for a camera." . . . If you know what I mean. If the O.P.A. only knew what they are doing to our fair ladies! Be seeing you.

— Marion A. Hogan.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: William E. Bergin, 105 Prospect Hill Ave., Natick, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Arnold E. Beech, 99 Englewood Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: Joseph N. Frechette
97 Sherman St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

The annual installation and dinner of Apremont Chapter, Y.D.V.A. was held at the Pawtucket Golf Club, May 22, 1943, with Dept. Com. Joseph (Peter) Bourget as installing officer.

Newly seated officers were Joseph Frechette, Commander; James McCallom, Senior Vice-Commander; Walter Jenks, Junior Vice-Commander; Ralph Dexter, Secretary; Albert Plant, Treasurer; Herbert Murray, Historian; Charles Hayman, Sergeant-at-Arms, and John Mallon, Herbert Grylis and Walter Jenks, Trustees.

Included among the guests were William Bergin, Department Senior Vice-Commander; Larry Cook, Past State Commander; Norman Lafleur, National Executive Officer; Michael Cresengo, Commander of the Providence Chapter, and Ensign and Mrs. McGregor.

The committee in charge of arrangements included Arnold Beech, chairman and master of ceremonies; Henry Clark, William J. Garlick, Harry Fitzpatrick, Albert Plant, Ralph Dexter, John L. Mallon, John R. Moran and Joseph Frechette.

More than 50 persons were served at the dinner which was followed by dancing.

On account of the gasoline and pleasure ban our National Commander, Benj. Bourn could not get down but we missed him very much.

Our June meeting was held June 17, 1943

with about 30 members. Well, boys, as you know our membership drive is on and we would like to have all the old members dues paid up. Mail them as soon as possible to Ralph Dexter and he will forward them to Boston and get your cards. Hurry up and get on the band wagon and help me beat Providence Chapter this year. We have about 97 paid up so far.

Well our state meeting was held Sunday, July 11, 1943 at Kent County. The time was 2:30 P. M. Installation of chapter and state officers took place.

Next month will be the final drawing of the kitty so some one present will get it. Try to attend our next meeting and meet your old comrades. A lot of boys will be at the convention in Boston June 26-27.

I don't see why some of you cannot attend meetings as our good old friend Bill Bergin of Kent County gets down to Pawtucket O.K. and we are glad to see him get around and give us a few remarks for the good old Y.D.V.A.

Also had a few remarks from our State Commander Pete Bourget who is back with us again.

It is 1 o'clock in the morning, so reminding you of our membership drive once again and get your dues in and also some new members, I remain yours in comradeship,

— Joseph N. Frechette.

KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: James Dyson
32 Whiting Ave., Lakewood, R. I.
Secretary: Arthur F. Brown
230 Coburn St., Oakland Beach, R. I.

Kent County Chapter was host to the State Dept. Commander. Joseph Bourget installed the new slate of officers as follows:

Commander, James Dyson; Senior Vice, Ed Luther; Junior Vice, George MacLeod; Treasurer, Carl Olson; Secretary, Arthur Brown; Historian, William Monte; Trustee for three years, Henry Beacon.

We had two guests from the V.F.W., Commander Henry Beacon and Past Commander Richard Hughes of Sgt. Langevin Post 449, West Warwick, R. I.

The August meeting will be an outdoor meeting, Sunday, Aug. 8, 1943 at 3 P. M. at the home of Ed Luther, Boston Street, Anthony, R. I. Chowder will be served. Come and bring your family and have a good time.

Commander James Dyson is 100% YD. If you know a YD man bring him in at the next meeting and give (Jimmie) your support.

The ladies came in with a nice lunch as they always do.

— A. F. Brown.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Michael Crescenzo
863 Hope St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Bill McAllister
71 Calaman Road, Cranston, R. I.

The response to our membership letters has been most gratifying. The YD men came across in 1943 in the same spirit in which they went across in 1917. To those comrades who enclosed a donation with their dues we say "thanks" a thousand times.

To our four members seriously ill, we say don't give up hope. Yes, Comrades Banks, Ellsmere, Carnes and Dr. Theodore Hascall, we know from letters received it has been a long up-hill fight. Forever look forward to the good Ship of Hope. With that as your goal we know that your courage, grit and determination will enable you to cross the line a winner. Good luck and best wishes from your chapter.

Yes comrades, these men have been ill for sometime. When you are sent to a hospital and stay a great length of time you are apt to become a forgotten man. Behind the walls of those great institutions lie the men of our war. Forgotten by many and remembered by some. Day after day, month after month and year after year they stay there battling for the greatest possession God ever gave to man. Yes, comrades, their health. Yeh, when you've got that you can fight any kind of a battle. When you're fighting to regain it you are fighting the biggest battle of all times. Yes, the battle for the Right to Live. The only contact and pleasure some of these YD men have is through our column in YANKEE DOINGS. When you support the Y.D.V.A. with your donations and dues you are sending forth a message of hope, kind words and a greeting to a YD man less fortunate than yourself. Surely there is not a YD man in Rhode Island who would deprive a man of that small pleasure.

Our ball held on Memorial Eve was a success. The young and the old enjoyed the swell music of Tommy Masso's Orchestra. The kids now in training to fight this war enjoyed dancing the rhumba, conga and the big apple. Old young men like Chick Story and Dutchy Hol-

land tried to keep pace but the old legs would not respond. Cliff Higgins, Bob Murray, Leo Bottari, Joe Laffey, Kitt Kittredge, Ed Ayotte, Jack Dolliver, Walter Brown, Mike Crescenzo and other YDers with the help of their wives, managed to get in a few, mostly waltzers. Larry Cook, Cliff Hunter and Horace Thayer gave ample evidence they once knew all the fancy steps of dancing. If Fred Walsh, the old dancing master of Hunts Mills had been there I'm sure he would have given the boys a round of applause. After all, when you're approaching three score years the old legs are not what they used to be. All in all the affair at the Narragansett was a success. State Commander Bergin headed a list of guests from Kent County, Apremont, Conn. and Mass. The proceeds of the ball will be used to send playing cards to the boys overseas.

Here's a story for you. A certain comrade in the chapter went to the ball Friday night instead of Saturday. For an hour or so in company with a couple of beautiful ladies he sat in the lobby. He then asked the desk clerk where the YD ball was being held. Was his face RED when the clerk said "tomorrow night." No, fellars, I'm not talking about Scully, Pretat, Briggs or Soban. In fact, I didn't just get the name over the phone, but it sounded like Bob Bernier or Ernest Eisman. To make matters worse the same comrade on his way to the ball Saturday night broke the axle on his left rear. That's the $64 question. Who was it?

As the boys tip-toe across the dotted line it is a pleasure to introduce them to you. Who remembers Faelton C. Perkins of Bridgewater, Mass. and Earl Bullock of Rehoboth and such YDers as Joe San Sousi, Everett S. Hartwell, Donald I. Babcock, Paul B. Metcalf, William A. Soban, Tom Keenan, Dr. Theodore Hascall, Dr. Robert H. Breslin, Dr. Robert Bell, Armonda Cianfarani, A. Augustus Hampton, Bill Coward, Joe Sousa, Fred Grandchamp, Herbert Mowry, Albert Smith, Jr., Henry Garceau, Charles Gillo, William Cullen, A. Clyde Freeman, Howard T. Ray, George H. Nye, Harry A. Keene, Jim Girvan and Walter Vickery. Yes, comrades, names bring back memories. What do you remember? And who remembers Bill Andrews and Frank McCaffery.

Our June meeting was short and snappy. Comrades Davidson, Dunn and Kittredge reported progress on the membership drive. Two teams, Kitt's Chow-hounds and Dave's Cake-eaters, have been selected to dig the boys out who are hiding in the dugout. If they ring your doorbell take pity on them as some of them haven't tasted a potato in a month. The result of the drive will appear in the September issue of DOINGS. Vickery reported progress on the Ways and Means Program. McHale and McCormick gave a speel on the possibility of the boys enlisting for 12 hours' duty in the Coast Guard. P.C. Ed Mara has his eye on a couple of TURNIP SHOOTERS to guard our colors. According to Salafia, they're pips. You place a small bag of powder somewhere in the rifle and ram it with a rammer. You then pull the trigger. If it works you tell the boys how the rifles worked in the Civil War. If otherwise, Jimmy, our florist, sees to it flowers are sent. Let's let Ray Stenson pull the trigger. I'll back him up.

As the boys roll in I've got to roll them out. Who remmembers Eddie Corcoran, and those two Woonsocketites, Irving Lee and Bill Shunney and others such as: Les McDonald, Harold Cole, Benjamin Rosmand, Parker B. Donnelly, Charles C. Plumb, Eric Lee, Edwin R. Jerome, Laurence A. Paolino, John J. Scully, Colin C. Macleod, Norman D. Macleod, Al Tracy, Ken Dennis, Ray Crowell, John J. Brown, Raymer Weeden, Charlie Hart, Jack Welch, Ted Hird, and a brand new baby from the old Jam Battery, George Astill, Wrentham, Mass.

Missing in action from YD activities we have such good YDers as Jack Stubbs, Joe McLaughlin, Sgt. Earle, Jack McLaughlin, Leo Walsh, Bill Brush and many others who can do their bit in 43 like they did in 1917-18.

Progress is being made in contacting all our former members in service. Just as soon as we get all their ratings and locations we are going to have them published in DOINGS. So far we have received letters from Lieut. Col. Forsythe, Capt. Jack Mitchell, Lieut. Col. Elmer R. Sherman. Drop us a line as we are hungry for news. Paging Ray Donahue. Where are you now?

At recent meetings all you hear is raising something on bare spots. It is rumored that Kelly, Whitman, Bernier, Taylor and Ray have gone into Victory Gardening in a big way. I looked Eley's garden over and he bragged about the air holes around his tomato plants. As an amateur he doesn't know he's raising a crop of cutworms that will put the cooties of France to shame. When you mention raising something on bare spots to fellows like Mara, Meehan,

Belair, Cole and others, they just run their hand through the place where hair used to grow and say "It can't be done."

Well comrades, that's all. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 4. At this time the Providence Chapter extends their sincere sympathy to Harry A. Keene in the recent loss of his father. One can add but little to the tribute paid his late Dad in our local papers.

— Murray-Mack.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Clyde G. Beckwith, Manchester, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Gardner H. Hall, 70 Ash St., Willimantic, Conn.

STATE MEETING

The monthly meeting was held at the New Haven Chapter's rooms, 372 St. John Street, fourteen comrades represented the following chapters: Bridgeport, one; Mont-Sec, (Bristol), three; Hartford, one; Manchester, one; Meriden, one; Middletown, one; New Haven, five, and Norwalk, one.

Commander Clyde G. Beckwith presided with the following officers in attendances S.V.C. Hirsch, J.V.C. Boardman, Treas. Saladin, and S.O. Kolinsky. Absentees were: Sec. Roys (participating in State Guard Mobilization), Hist. Woods, Chap. Rev. Anderson (pressure of duty), Sgt.-at-Arms Pimpare, Amer. O. Sprague and J. A. Parmelee. Sparvell of New Haven acted as Sgt.-at-Arms, Clark of Norwalk acted as Chaplain, and Dube of New Haven acted as Secretary.

This type of representation is what has been requested, due to transportation difficulties. However, some of the absentee Chapters are invited to try this streamlining of Dept. Meeting representation, can't you find one comrade who will volunteer to represent you at the next meeting? It will be held in New Haven, and a short snappy meeting is assured.

Our genial keeper of the coins got in his two minutes on the floor to inform us he had received the per capita-tax from Bristol, Meriden, Willimantic and Wallingford Chapters.

Governor Baldwin promptly and personally replied to our letter in which we advised him of the Department's unanimous endorsement of Meriden Chapter's resolution, suggesting that future appointments to Selective Service Boards take account of fathers or mothers of men in foreign service. He assured us he would keep the proposition in mind. Since his communication an appointment was made in Middletown and the mother of a boy who lost his life in the Pacific received the assignment.

Chapter Reports on Membership shows a steady gain for all chapters except Bristol and they have 100% membership. Hartford is outstanding with fifty new members and New Haven deserves honorable mention with a membership larger than at the end of the fiscal year.

Hartford Chapter's splendid work of visiting the sick at United States Veteran's Facility, Newington, has been regularly covered each week for four years or more, and the Department as a whole owe them a debt of gratitude for keeping them informed of our Comrades who are confined there. At the last visit the following comrades were visited and cigarettes were distributed to include all patients therein: James Torrello, New Haven; William P. Adams, Norwalk; Arthur Boulanger, Wolcott; William F. Jones and Herman F. Leist, New Britain; Louis Lockwood, Stamford; Louis F. LeBlond and Ralph W. Quigley and Peter F. Trembulik, Hartford; Arthur W. Ludwig and Leo T. Mason, Manchester; Leon C. McIntyre, Glastonbury; George J. Semrow, Meriden, and Felix D. Strucinski, Naugatuck. Although Al Herman is not at Newington, he is we believe, visited daily by the mailman bearing messages of cheer and we are all rooting for you Al. We're looking forward to your visit as stated in your letter of July 5th.

The special Welfare Committee headed by Hirsch reported attending two cases requiring special attention. A gift was presented to each case and the recipients were very grateful and deeply touched by the fine display of Comradeship. It was voted to keep the details off the record.

The Department went on record to activate the resolution of sympathy. Upon the death of a comrade, a resolution will be executed and forwarded to the next of kin. This item will be retroactive to the incumbency of the present officers. Announcement was made that Com-

rades Frank S. Crague, M. Co., 102nd Infantry, Torrington; Dr. Bernard Allen, Hartford; George Lipke, Fairfield; Henry Meigs, Meriden; and Elbert R. Barnes, 103rd Field Artillery, Groton, had died since our last meeting. We extend our sincere sympathy to their loved ones.

Our attention has been called to the sad plight of Comrade William Loring of Wallingford, whose home and other buildings were demolished by a wind storm recently. The entire community is collecting funds to re-establish Bill, and the Welfare Committee has the matter in hand.

Voted, next meeting to be held in New Haven Chapter's Rooms, 372 St. John Street, Sunday, August 8th, at 3:30 P.M. Let's get that streamlined meeting clicking for the duration. Delegate one comrade to represent your chapter.

For Clarence A. Roys,
— H. J. D.

BRISTOL
"Mont Sec Chapter"
Commander: Karl K. Chase
174 Queen St., Bristol, Conn.
Secretary: Will N. Salladin, Jr.
153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

Seems a long time since I wrote you from Bristol. Since then Mont Sec Chapter has lost one of her members, Joseph Carrano, who died in a Brooklyn hospital. He was buried in Bristol with military honors, Wednesday, June 9th.

June 11th we journeyed to Unionville for our regular monthly meeting which was held at Fred Bauer's home. The Unionville women had a very nice supper waiting for us which was enjoyed by all.

Sunday, June 13th, Commander Chase, Thompson, Fox, Anderson and myself, all in uniform, went to Meriden to the state meeting and also took part in the Elks flag day parade and exercises in that city.

— W. N. Salladin, Jr,
Sec. Mont Sec Chapter.

MERIDEN
Commander: Eben Dike
289 Curtis St., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Clarence A. Roys
87 No. Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.

The June 6th Sunday afternoon meeting at Cabin Grille was our last meeting until September. We wound up the season with a bang, by having a darn good lively session. The subject of draft exemptions was discussed at length and out of this discussion came some action.

P.C. Marty Cummings made this motion, and the members unanimously approved it: "That the Secretary be instructed to write His Excellency Raymond D. Baldwin, Governor of Connecticut, and request that in the future when appointments are made to fill vacancies in local Selective Service Boards, such appointments shall be made of men or women of sons or daughters in the U. S. Armed Forces in Foreign Service. Such appointments, we believe, would result in fewer exemptions of young single men and young married men without children." The Secretary carried out his instructions and a reply was received from the Governor's Executive Secretary to the effect that the Governor will have in mind the attitude of Meriden Chapter when appointments are made to Selective Service Boards.

The Connecticut Dept. met in Meriden on June 13 and voted that its Secretary be instructed to inform Gov. Baldwin, "That the Conn. Dept., representing all Conn. Chapters wholeheartedly endorses the action of Meriden Chapter."

Much favorable comment was heard about the State on this resolution, and the members believe it is a step in the right direction.

The Chapter has 61 paid members as this is written. Your Membership Committee appeals to you who have not paid your dues to do it — and do it now. It's pleasant to have one of the gang call on you to collect, but how can he get enough gas and time to do it in these restricted days? Can't you mail it to Boston or to your Chapter Secretary, and keep up Meriden's membership record?

— C. A. Roys, Sec.

NEW HAVEN
Commander: Henry J. Dube
265 Gorham Ave., Hamden, Conn.
Secretary: Alexander J. Flynn
47 Dayton St., New Haven, Conn.

In this neck of the woods, the principle undertaking is Membership, and our Membership Committee, guided by its aggressive Chairman, Senior Vice-Commander Otis H. Culver are making splendid progress in their invasion of the "home defenses". Their typical "Ranger" raids on the "YD Isolationists" in our sector has been productive of good results. The facts are:

Membership — year ending March 31, 1943, 126; at Convention time June 26, 1943, 128; at present writing July 17, 1943, 142. Only 11 of the 1942-1943 members are yet to be caught in the committee's dragnet.

This is the first time, to the writer's knowledge, that any Chapter has gone into a National Convention with a larger membership than at the close of the previous year. We are all on the job, so watch us prove that we are "Connecticut's Liveliest Chapter."

Our meeting of June 10th brought out several of the gang that have not been around lately. It is good to see new faces at these gatherings and we anticipate the fall and winter meetings will bring out many more.

Plans for the annual outing were discussed. Chairman Hirsch has a real problem this year with ration regulations in food and transportation. We are confident he will find a way. He performs best when the goings tough.

The members signed the Card-A-Month which we send to our Buddies in the service and we are getting replies from all over the world telling us how much the cards are appreciated. Colonel James M. Quinn somewhere in the So. Pacific stated in his letter of June 18th, "Received some mail in this isolated place by Air yesterday and sure enough your cheery monthly card was there. You have no idea how much of a pepper-upper that little card can be and Ashley and I have spent hours reminiscing about the other Guerre reminded by your different names on the cards of incidents of past years."

The collection box for the Register Fresh Air Camp, (not for Joe LaFlame, attention Salem-Lynn) to which we contribute every year was dusted off, placed in a prominent place and contributions indicate that we will turn over a very substantial amount to this worthy cause.

The monthly "Snort Night" has been so successful that our House Committee Chairman Fred Hirsch, plans to run them weekly, when the weather gets cooler. Also, he is always thinking up ways and means to build up the Treasury. One plan that is functioning well is the Boosters Club which guarantees the rent of our quarters without digging into the Treasury Fund.

The streamlined National Convention was attended by an equally streamed-line delegation consisting of Commander Henry J. Dube (with the usual repertoire of short stories), Past Commanders John T. Dillon (very adapt at catching flies — those with wings), and Fred V. Hirsch (with a new line of pranks), Felix Sparvell (the quietest living YD man known), J. Edward (Three Stein) Malone, and Ralph A. (Shinny) Walker (who never sleep — not wholly their fault), and P.N.C. Leonard J. Maloney whose orations on the Convention Floor and at Frank "YD" Sibley's home was enjoyed by all who chanced to hear his talks.

Commander Dube surprised the membership by suspending the regular meeting scheduled for July 8th and substituted a social night for the comrades, their wives and friends. A capacity audience was on hand for the varied program. It was a treat to be graced by so many lovely and charming ladies.

Commander Dube called Mrs. Culver to the speakers table and in presenting the certificates remarked, this little lady was known to us of the A.E.F. as Bessie Leonard, the "Doughboy Girl of the A.E.F." A newspaper man who chanced to see Bessie under anything but "Parisian Conditions" wrote an article which was published in a Geneva N. Y. newspaper and in part said, "One night a little blonde girl came along with her pianist. Those back of the stage could sense the apathy being shaken off as she walked on the stage. Her first number was a riot and each succeeding one added to the din of the tumult of applause. St Mihiel was no longer, HARD it had been softened, cracked wide open by a little American girl who had something to offer; who was in France to entertai nand not patronizingly display some highly cultured talent". This best describes what Bessie has done while serving with the Song-bird Unit with America's Oversea Theatre League.

Bessie was non-plussed and couldn't find adequate words of thanks. This is the first actual presentation received for the services rendered in France. After the effect of the surprise subsided she obliged with some of the old numbers.

Mr. Harry Tomlin was next called up and P.C. Hirsch was asked to make the presentation. He remarked Harry has repeatedly obliged this Chapter by performing on programs with first class entertainment, and not only going out of his way many times but cancelled engagements so as to entertain veterans without remuneration.

Mr. Richard Hudson was next called. Commander Dube expressed the Chapter appreciation and the privilege of presenting the Certificate as a token of gratitude for services performed by him in keeping the Chapter informed of the

deaths of YD Veterans in connection with his Voluntary Graves Registration service for the Joint Veterans Committee of New Haven.

Mr. Theodore Alterri was last and to him Commander Dube expressed the Chapters gratitude and the pleasure of presenting this Certificate for services performed over a long period as official photographer of the Register and private services to us dating back to the National Convention held here in 1935 and occasions too numerous to mention at memorials, dedications, etc.

Comrades, Snort Night is the 4th Thursday of the month.

— A. J. F.

STAMFORD

Commander: Stanley J. Kersten
20 Lincoln Ave., Stamford, Conn.
Secretary: Clarence W. Caldwell
335 West Ave., Darien, Conn.

Our last regular meeting went off in the usual manner with 16 present, Past Commander Al Baker taking the rostrom in the absence of Stanley Kersten. We had with us good old Barney Clark of Norwalk and Past Dept. Commander Clarence Geer, who by the way has moved down our way from Bridgeport and is now in charge of the guards at Airadio's three Stamford plants.

I just learned today, too, that our good old Y.D. buddy, Len Maloney, has recovered and is in town and is filling a new position also at Airadio as personnel manager. The old story all over again, "You can't keep a good man down."

Johnnie Ryba, one of Stamford's charter members who went away with the National Guard in 1941, is back home from the wars, retiring gracefully as top kicker of a tank destroyer outfit. The old war horse (he's over 50) says "You gotta go like hell to keep up with these kids today." Well, we can use you right here at home, Jack.

Another one of Stamford's YD has gone beyond. Walter B. (Chippie) Boyd, Battery F, 103rd F.A., died suddenly Saturday, June 5th and was buried in Springdale Cemetery on Monday, June 7.

Joe Keefe is now at Fairfield State Hospital, Newtown, Conn. and would like to hear from his former buddies. Drop him a card.

And listen here all you birds, Al Herman is now in the Hospital of Special Surgery at 321 E. 42nd St., N.Y.C., lying in a plaster cast from his waist down, flat on his stomach. Why not take time out and drop him a line. You'd like it, wouldn't you if you were in Al's place. There's never been a fellow who worked harder for YD than Al and he's still in there fighting. The least you can do is to hand him a little cheer or call on him when you're in the city.

— Ray MacViehon.

WILLIMANTIC

"Windham County Chapter"
Commander: Ezeb J. Lapan
53 So. Park St., Willimantic, Conn.
Secretary: W. P. S. Keating, M.D.
12 Potter St., Willimantic, Conn.

Not much news except these sons in service:

William deB. McBee—Training as a cadet in Army Air Corps. Son of former Sgt. W.R.L. McBee, Bat. "C", 103rd F.A.

Theodore M. Mather—"Seabees". Training at base in Virginia. Son of former Sgt. W. F. Mather, Co. "K", 102nd Inf.

George Bazala—Training with Marines at base in North Carolina. Son of George Bazala, Co. "D", 103rd Inf.

The gang extends its best wishes to these boys.

— Gardiner H. Hall.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Comm.: Ralph A. Turgeon, 182 Moore St., Princeton, N. J.

"OHIO CHAPTER"

Commander: Harry G. Schnell
1645 Coventry Rd., Cleveland Hgts., O.
Secretary: Walter A. Haak
938 Pembrook Rd., Cleveland Hgts., O.

While most of us are standing still at the post in the membership drive our Junior Vice Commander, Edward McGrath is way out in front having brought in his second new member. The newcomer to whom we extend our most hearty welcome is J. K. Williams of Company C, 102nd Infantry. Mr. Williams is now an engineer on the New York Central making the run from Buffalo to Cleveland and has "hauled"

many service men on his runs including the new YD.

At our regular June business meeting it was decided that on account of general transportation difficulties which to many of us simmers down to "gasoline rationing," that this year we would dispense with our annual picnic. We sincerely regret the necessity of taking this action as we know how the youngsters have always looked forward with great anticipation to this event. Then, too, we "oldsters" shall miss seeing how those gals can really run when they pull 'em up and how Mrs. Oberstar can throw that ball way out where nobody can find it.

But we felt that we might as well face the facts that it would be no easy matter to set a day aside for this purpose and get enough members together to make it really worth while in view of all the overtime and Sunday work our members are called upon to do.

Our Memorial Day observance as outlined in last month's issue included an address by Mayor Lausche at the General Edwards Memorial on the Mall, and except for the rain, everything worked out nicely as arranged by Fred Flahaven, but before making our patrol wagon ready for the day, we learned it hadn't fared so well during the long and cold winter. It seems that a little frost got into the engine head and cracked it open, the radiator connection leaked, the tires were flat, (on the bottom only), the public address system wouldn't work, the horns wouldn't blow, the wheels needed painting, the battery was run down, etc., etc., but Ed McGrath and Harold Griffiths took care of all that and moreover, at our June meeting we learned with deep appreciation that the entire expense was voluntarily assumed and shared between Edward McGrath, Harold Griffiths, Edward Dulude and our Commander, Harry Schnell.

— Walter A. Haak.

CHICAGO

Commander: Charles R. Fick
4528 N. Winchester Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary: G. LeRoy Anderson
3826 Jannsen Ave., Chicago, Ill.

At the meeting of the Chicago Chapter held the night of July 1, 1943 at one of Toffonetti's string of restaurants, located on Chicago's main theatrical street, I was requested to pinch hit for somebody in getting some mention in the next issue of the DOINGS. I know I'm not pinch hitting for Novikoff, but whoever the publicity man is in our chapter, I don't know. In fact, I've been such a poor member that the officers of the chapter were unknown to me and I dare say to a majority of our membership.

Well, anyway, we had a rotten turnout. In the absence of our roving Commander, our true and loyal member, Dana Hubbard (103rd F.A.), presided at the meeting. G. LeRoy Anderson (103rd Inf.), our Secretary-Treasurer, had his hands out looking for the do-re-mi and believe you me we will have a few more members to add to the three that were published in the last issue. Ed O'Connell promised to be there, but his mother wasn't any too well so he had to forego the pleasure of attending. Gus Pederson (104th Inf.) recommended that we do something this fall to stir up a little interest and it was decided that plans be made to have a joint session with the Chicago Chapter of the Rainbow Division.

Our genial Vice-Commander or whatever his title is, John Klockowski, the mayor of Lake Street, appeared late as usual, so they tell me. Anyway, he was a splendid host to a few of the boys over at the Happy Hour after our meeting adjourned. John likes to sing but those singing waiters drown him out. You fellows who served with him back in 1918 wouldn't know him now. At that time he weighed 110 pounds, but I'm not giving his weight at present, but as a tip, he's just a wee bit lighter than Fatty Arbuckle, remember him.

One of our chapter members, Ernest Clutterham, while not present, feels quite elated over the fact that when his son was drafted he was assigned to the new Yankee Division. We Chicago members cannot understand why our old outfit has to be guarding the coast or something like that but it seems that a majority of the old National Guard outfits have been given the same kind of treatment.

We hope to be able to send pictures of YD sons of the Chicago Chapter who are in service along with this, but if not received in time, will be forwarded for later issue. At the present writing, besides the above mentioned name, LeRoy Anderson's boy is about ready to receive his pilot's wings, and John Klockowski's boy is out on the west coast and his daughter expects her bars in the Nurses' Corps.

As I said before, the attendance was absolutely rotten, but an excuse may be offered for some who are at present working in defense

plants. Of course, there will be no more sessions held until fall and the officers hope that after the vacation season is over that the next meeting will bring out the crowd.

— J. H. Donovan.

NEW YORK

Commander: Anthony F. Fanelle
636 East 35 St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Secretary: Harold B. F. Lonergan
3961 - 10 Ave., New York City

A hot and coatless crowd gathered last night (June 22) at the Prince George Hotel for the June meeting of New York Chapter. At 6 P. M. the executive committee went into session in the Cooper room. A nice letter from Chairman Fred V. Hirsch of New Haven was read by Commander Farulle. (Things may start kind of slow Fred, but keep to it—Lonergan). It was decided that our monthly War Bond drawing shall continue due to the fine financial report of our treasurer.

At 7 P. M. the members had a swell dinner served in the main dining room. The regular meeting was called to order by Commander Fanelle at 8:10 P. M. Opening prayer was read by Joe Buck O'Brien. Introductions followed.

We were all glad to welcome Ray G. Cook, "B" Bat., 103rd F.A., formerly of Providence Chapter, who is now a member of this chapter. Other new members are Patrick F. O'Grady and William H. Smith.

Due to the heat the minutes were suspended or was it that Lonergan couldn't read them. Your guess is as good as ours. Treasurer Bill Cowie reported a comfortable bank balance. This report was accepted on motion by P.C. Ed Nelson and seconded by Buck O'Brien. Membership Chairman Jr. V.C. Joe Greenberg reported many old time members have promised to return to the chapter. This is good news to us, but may be bad news for Hartford and Lynn chapters.

Comrade Hal Washburn who is still confined in the Bronx Vet Hospital also joined up last night. A letter from Commander Gene Tunney expressing sincere regrets that owing to other duties he was unable to attend our meeting.

New York Chapter will have headquarters in Boston at the convention.

It was decided to dispense with the August meeting and extend a hearty invitation to the newly elected National Commander to attend our September meeting which will be held on Tuesday evening the 28th.

The War Bond drawn was won by Mrs. Laura Griswold, ticket No. 6171, who is the wife of Comrade Atherton Griswold of the chapter. Secretary Lonergan won the $5.00 Attendance Prize.

Refreshments were served and were they welcome. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P. M. Short and sweet. That's the way our meetings are now, so get down to them comrades.

Been wondering how the "old gang" is. Our Past Nat. Commander Al Herman, is coming along swell. I know the gang will be glad to hear that. There isn't a day goes by that some of our members don't go up to see Al. Hope you liked the movies Al. Thanks to Comrade Ed Writer.

— Harold B. F. Lonergan.

PHILADELPHIA

Commander: Louis Wintner
911 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, Penn.
Secretary: Ernest T. Bates
3530 N. Joyce St., Philadelphia, Penn.

Before going into the happenings of our past two meetings, I want to take this opportunity as Commander, to thank each and every one of you for the manner in which you responded with your dues. We go to the National Convention 100% paid up, a record that any chapter would be proud of.

Our May 25th meeting brought forth a very nice turn out, with Henry Ritchotte acting as thirst dispencer. As usual our Chaplain, Phil Maloney blew in late but with a very good excuse. He had O.P.A. itis and had to push a couple of dry trucks off the street before he could get here. It must have been hard work pushing them by hand, as he slept through the entire meeting. He now is convinced that there is a gas shortage. We were sure glad to welcome Charlie Cort again after an absence of several meetings. Our genial Sec. Bates was missing again so that hard working YD Nat. Vice-Commander was again pressed into service. It was decided to hold our next meeting one week earlier due to the National Convention. Someone said darts and Phil Maloney came out of his coma and that was the end of the meeting. Downstairs we went and a red hot game was in progress before anyone could swallow a drink. Participants were Maloney, Hudson, Forsyth, Roberts, Cort, Ritchotte and

Wintner. Someone gave Ritchotte a couple shots and there was no stopping him. He is fast becoming a champ. Cort said "he didn't know how to play but the way he went at it he must have a board in his cellar. Hudson and Roberts were also in form but as for myself (Wintner) I'll have to admit that Maloney still has the Indian sign on me.

I am sorry to say that our Pre-Convention meeting June 18th was very poorly attended. Whether moving it up, a week had anything to do with it I can't say. In true YD spirit Mrs. Harry Evans called up to tell me that Harry couldn't make it as he is now working nights. She also informed me that when they are through reading their "YANKEE DOINGS" she sends it to her brother, James W. Dougherty, who is a sergeant in the Air Corps at Ellington Field, Texas, who in turn passes it along to the boys down there and she says "they all enjoy reading it very much." We were glad to see Fred Hillenbrand, the champ horse shoer of the YD at the meeting as he hadn't shown his face for some time. After our meeting the nite was just starting for him as he was going over to his V.F.W. Post. They had dollar night and everyone knows what that means. Also present was our newest member, Edward A. Johnson and it wasn't long before we found out that the Yankee Division was mainly the 102nd Inf. With all that we were very pleased to welcome Ed into the fold as he is a real YDer. The only drawback was that he is working nights and had to leave early, thereby we had to miss a lot more exploits of the 102nd. I thought we might forego meetings for July and August but the boys nearly tore my head off when I mentioned it so there will be regular meetings for those two months.

The forthcoming National Convention was discussed at length and the boys were very peeved on account of the banquet being stag and that goes for me too. We all wished our own Bill Forsyth success in the coming election for National Commander, and it is the YD's god fortune to have picked him as he is a tireless worker for the organization and knows what it is all about, and again I say it is a good break for the YD to have him as their leader.

Chick Frazier is now back on day work, and made his first meeting in a long time. It was certainly good to see him again, especially his three bucks.

Nat. Vice-Commander Bill Forsyth received a very nice letter along with dues from Daniel D. Atkinson saying "how sorry he was in not being able to make the meetings, but enjoys getting his YANKEE DOINGS as a familiar name always crops up to give him a thrill." Ernie Bates would have liked to make the convention but as he is a big louse he has to make the V.F.W. at Pittsburgh, Pa., which is the same date as ours.

This meeting is over but the evening always winds up the same way—that is, at the dart board. Frazier and Wintner versus Forsyth and Ritchotte. I gave Forsyth and Ritchotte some pointers on how to throw the darts wherein they proceeded to trim the ears off of us and did I get hell from Frazier. Ritchotte became so good that I dare Maloney to come to the next meeting as I will back Henry against him for a good bet.

In closing I will pick on the editor for the first time. I had quite a few of you fellows mentioned in the last issue especially Roberts and "Boston Bill Kelly" but for some unknown reason the editor left it out. (Ed Note.: Don't mind me. I only do this for the $400 per month).

To those members who have never attended our meetings I sincerely hope that you make an effort to do so in the near future as I know you will spend a very enjoyable evening with your old buddies.

— Louis Wintner.

WASHINGTON

Commander: Charles J. McManus
18 Bryant St., N.E., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Nathan D. Golden
4000 Cathedral Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.

First of all, the Washington Chapter members wish to extend to "Bill" Forsyth, our new National Commander, and the other elected officers of the Y.D.V.A. our heartiest congratulations and to pledge to them the continued cooperation of those here on the Potomac.

Our scheduled picnic took place in Rock Creek Park on July 7, and considering the threatening rain we had a fair turnout. Those who braved the cool weather were Mr. and Mrs. Burr and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rowe with son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stambler, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hutchins, daughter and her girl friend, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ellis, Robitaille and youngster, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Queenin and their gang of four fine young-

sters, including "Butch." Charley McManus, Al Bartram, Maurice White, Joe Jordan, and Nate Golden, were the unescorted. Twenty-eight in all turned out and there were enough baked beans and other food to take care of fifty. Those who didn't get out were the losers.

Of course Queenin arrived late as usual with his habitual squawk of not being able to find the place. Well, who didn't have difficulty locating the grove? The next time we will get him a guide and an escort so he doesn't get lost. It was sure good to see Luther Ellis get out and looking as well as he is. Luther has had a tough year physically, but is picking up considerably. Joe Jordan cut short his vacation to the National Convention and visit at New Haven to get to the picnic—and that is what I call the old YD spirit. Mrs. Bartram, Mrs. White and Mrs. Golden were incapacitated and unable to join, the latter being in the hospital with a slight foot operation.

It looks as though we are going to lose one of our faithful for a while. Paul Hutchins will be leaving the country on business for the American Red Cross. (Destination a military secret). Paul has been with the Red Cross for the last 20 years and is now Associate National Director of Accounting for all Red Cross operations. A pretty important position he holds in that marvelous organization, and well does he deserve it for his tireless efforts over the years. Where ever you go, old man, your buddies of the YD will be rooting for you—happy landings!

We hear that Lt. John Caswell is still Coast Guarding on a special mission attached to the Board of Economic Warfare and is now in Brazil. Doing what, we are not sure, but we have our suspicions.

— Nate Golden.

LOS ANGELES
(Southern California Chapter)
Commander: Ralph W. McDonald
5018 Southall Lane, Bell, Calif.
Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Drive, Los Angeles

The YD Club of Southern California is still functioning, although from the infrequency of news items sent in to YANKEE DOINGS, one might wonder. Our membership is small and of that number several are in the service and defense work leaving just a few to carry on. This fact made our annual election simply a recommendation that all present officers be continued in office and it was so voted. They are:

Commander, Ralph W. MacDonald, M Co., 104th Inf.; Secretary, George K. Mitchell, 104th Amb. Co.; Treasurer, Edward A. Royal, 103rd Amb. Co.; Chaplain-Historian, George D. Cannon, Hdqts. Co., 102nd Inf.; Sergeant-at-Arms, Arshak N. Amerikhanian, F Co., 103rd Inf.

Our treasurer, Eddie Royal, has been laid up in the hospital at Sawtelle with pneumonia but we are happy to report he is getting along nicely now, and we hope will soon be home. Eddie is a great little guy and we all miss him.

The annual Apremont Reunion of the 104th Infantry was held on April 24th at the Cabrillo Hotel. Not many turned out this year, but those who did had a good dinner and listened to a stirring talk.

We were surprised to have with us Capt. Bob Norris, U. S. Marine Corps, who had been shipped home from a post in the Southern Pacific and was on furlough from the hospital. Captain Bob, showing the effects of service, told as much as he could of his travels and experiences.

Comrade Rowe, M Co., 104th Infantry from Everett, Mass., extended the greetings of buddies on the East Coast, and a message from Larry Wagner at the main reunion in Worcester brought word that the boys back there were thinking of us.

In conclusion we wish to add the names of two sons of the YD serving in the navy, namely, Bill Reid, son of Bill Reid, H Co., 104th Infantry, and Bill Stevenson, son of "Cap" Stevenson," G Co., 104th Infantry.

In reply to your request for opinions in the matter of admitting veterans of World War II to membership in the Yankee Division Veterans' Association, the Southern California Chapter voted against the proposition for the following reasons:

First—Premature.

Second—The new veterans should be given an opportunity to decide for themselves.

Third—After the war the Y.D.V.A. can extend an invitation if it is the pleasure of the organization.

— George R. Mitchell.

"E CO. ECHOES"

Well our 26th Anniversary is now a thing of the past and it was one of the nicest and most enjoyable we can recall. Maybe we're getting old and mellow, but somehow, the concensus of opinion seemed to be that the party was one of the best ever—good fellowship prevailed as usual and all seemed to enjoy the evening immensely. Here's the roll of those present with an (*) against the name of each who chipped in to the "Echoes" fund either that night or since the last issue: (Using the (*) saves time and trouble for a lazy guy like ye Ed.)

*Charlie Allen, Charlie Bateman, Lewie Berlyn, *Harold Brownson, *Bill Cleaves, Fred Campbell, *Maurice Corkery, Bill Crosby, Charlie Dodge, Ralph Eastman, John Foley, *Al (Bugler) Gardner, George Gillman, *Danny Gorton and friend, Bill Hutcheson, *Bill Kearns, Harold Kinsman, John Mallon, Charlie Malouf, Fred Martin, Carl Nielsen, *Fred O'Neil, Walter Ripley, *Harry Sproul, Arthur Stanley, Ernie Steward, *Arbie Thomann, *Frank Vigon, *Charlie Watson, Hick Welch, Jack Currier, Fred Hewey, and, before the party broke up, *Sam Weiner, Herbie Weeks and "Buff" Buffum showed up—the first two from Lynn.

Our staunch and true friend "Colonel"—now *Brigadier General Porter B. Chase, couldn't be with us but he sent along the price of a ticket to take care of some one who might be up against it. What a swell gent! It was awfully nice of you "Pote" and you're a great source of encouragement to us. Maybe we aren't all glad to have you get that promotion. Long may you wave!

Mrs. Edward L. Logan has communicated her most sincere thanks to the 101st Infantry Veterans' Association A.E.F. and to those of its individual members who rendered assistance to the now successful effort to have the East Boston Airport designated in honor of the memory and in appreciation for his excellent civic service with the name of our wartime leader, Lt. Gen. Edward L. Logan.

One James Cresswell (K Co.), who became so well acquainted with the M.P.'s in 1917-1918 is now one of the boys in that outfit. First Lieut. James A. Cresswell, now located at Nyantic, Conn. Drop him a line.

That soldierly appearing gentleman you may have seen lately on Washington Street in Beantown is none other than Capt. Wm. Clark (H Co.), U. S. Army, who as an M.P with the 101st Infantry in World War I had little if anything to do in such a quiet and well behaved outfit.

At the Bunker Hill Day Parade in Charlestown you may have noted a tall, distinguished appearing grey-haired gentleman with great difficulty and much help trying to mount a white horse. As the parade was about to start he was heard to mutter, "Ride a horse, me an old Infantryman, nothing doing," and with greater difficulty and even more help, he was able to dismount.

Followed by a retinue of small boys he was seen entering an ice cream emporium from which soon issued in a rich baritone voice, "Give me a horse, a great big horse, and give me a buckaroo, and let me Wahoo! Wahoo! Wahoo-oo-oo!!"

Shades of Knocko and Jerry.

Don't look now, but they do say that our President, James J. Powers (H Co.), has no desire to go horse-back riding.

It occurs to us that if the proper setup was made to send those dealers, extorting excessive profits and withholding needed products in the Black Market, to Labor Battalions at the active fighting fronts, the evil would be quickly remedied and the candidates would be very few in number.

— J. W. C.

★★★ TAPS ★★★

Word has only recently been received in New Haven of the sudden death late in May of "Chet" Gravatt, formerly of Co. D, 102nd Infantry. Gravatt suffered a heart attack while being driven to his home in Ocean Grove, N. J., by a friend. He was 53 years old and leaves his wife, a son, Yeoman 3rd Class James H. Gravatt of the U. S. Navy. Gravatt was employed by the N. J. State Highway Department for 17 years. He was cited for valor on March 16, 1918.

Dr. Bernard H. Allen, Commander of Hartford Chapter died recently and a full account with picture will be in next month's issue.

Clifford M. Markle, a field representative for the American Red Cross in Tunisia, was fatally injured in an automobile accident on May 25th according to reports received by his family. Cliff was a member of the Medical Detachment, 102nd Infantry, in our war. He was captured at Seicheprey in April, 1918 and after the war he wrote a book on his experiences in a German prison camp. Only recently Markle met his son, Staff Sgt. Gordon Markle in Tunisia. His wife and a daughter also survive.

James Metcalf, who passed away on June 21st, was a member of Bat. D, 102nd F.A.

He was a man liked by all who knew him; died with a stomach ailment after being in the hospital six weeks. Comrade Metcalf before enlisting was a loomfixer but when he came back and resumed his work, rose steadily until he was the general superintendent of the Wamsutta mills in New Bedford.

He was given a military funeral and quite a few of the comrades attended. He is survived by one son who is in the army.

James Baird, C Company, 101st Field Signal Bat'n., passed away during the week of May 3 at Meyersdale, Pa., we are informed by Comrade George Hudson of Phila. Chapter.

Frank A. Goode, H Company, 101st Infantry, is reported to have died on or about May 26th. No further details.

Former Regimental Sgt. Major William E. Mulholland, Hdqtrs., 103rd Infantry, died on May 27, 1943. No details.

Harry A. Visel, a former newspaper man, a sergeant of Company B, 102nd Infantry, died May 30th of a heart attack at his home, Bayside, Queens. He was born in Highwood, near New Haven, Conn., 50 years ago.

Visel, who was graduated from the Columbia School of Journalism in 1925, was a reporter for the New York Times for about five years, beginning in 1924. Several signed articles by him on radio topics appeared in the Sunday edition. After leaving the Times he wrote short stories for magazines. Recently he had been an investigator for the veterans division of the New York Welfare Department.

Harry Schmid, "L" Co., 102nd Infantry, passed away May 23, 1943 at the Grace Hospital, New Haven. He had recently been released from the Newington Facility upon his request but against the advice of the Facilities doctor. He suffered a heart attack from which he didn't recover. He is survived by his widow, Theresa V. Schmid, a daughter Vera and a son Henry. He served with the 2nd Connecticut Regiment on the Mexican Border in 1916. He rests in St. Lawrence Cemetery. The New Haven Chapter paid their last respects and presented the widow with a resolution executed in Harry's memory.

Joseph H. Hanson, Hdqtrs. Company, 103rd F.A., died in Texas, June 1st and was buried at Providence, R. I. on June 8th.

Joseph Curran, 102nd Infantry, died June 5th after a four months' illness at U. S. Veterans' Hospital 81, The Bronx, N. Y.

George T. Ahearn, M Company, 101st Infantry, died at Chelsea Naval Hospital on June 20th. Burial was from his home at East Boston.

Walter B. Boyd, Battery F, 103rd F.A., died suddenly on June 5th. Interment in Springdale Cemetery on June 7th. Stamford Chapter YD extends their sympathy to his wife and family who survive him.

Joseph Carrano, a member of Mont Sec Chapter of Bristol, passed away in a government hospital in Brooklyn. He was buried in Bristol, June 9th with military honors in the new St. Joseph Cemetery.

He fought in the last World War, a member of the Machine Gun Company of the 102nd Infantry and was employed in Bristol as an electrician at the New Departure Mfg. Co. Mont Sec Chapter paid their last respects to Joe Tuesday night, June 8th at the funeral home, attending in a body.

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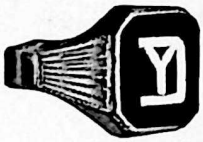

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DEPT. OF ME.	
Cumberland	29
Farmington	2
Lewiston	33
Waterville	31
At Large	25
	120
DEPT. OF N. H.	
Concord	6
Franklin	3
Keene	8
Manchester	41
Nashua	39
Rochester	11
Triangle	20
At Large	8
	136
DEPT. OF VT.	
Brattleboro	29
Burlington	0
Montpelier-Barre	17
Rutland	16
St. Albans	11
Morrisville	6
At Large	5
	84
DEPT. OF MASS.	
Beverly	31
Boston	474
Concord	49
Brockton	9
Danvers	39
Fitchburg	121
Foxboro	5
Haverhill	43
Holyoke	3
Lawrence	24
Lowell	8
Lynn	216
Marlboro	22
Milford	30
New Bedford	86
Reading	12
Salem	13
Springfield	109
Worcester	131
At Large	54
	1479
DEPT. OF R. I.	
Apremont	101
Kent County	23
Providence	142
At Large	1
	267
DEPT. OF CONN.	
Bridgeport	31
Bristol	110
Hartford	207
Manchester	51
Meriden	65
Middletown	3
New Britain	39
New Haven	141
New London	12
Norwalk	24
Stamford	31
Torrington	3
Valley	16
Wallingford	15
Waterbury	14
Willimantic	50
Groton-Stonington	17
At Large	2
	831
DEPT. OF U. S.	
Chicago	12
Cleveland	27
Denver	9
Detroit	26
Los Angeles	8
New York	126
Philadelphia	25
Washington	23
Life Members	37
At Large	91
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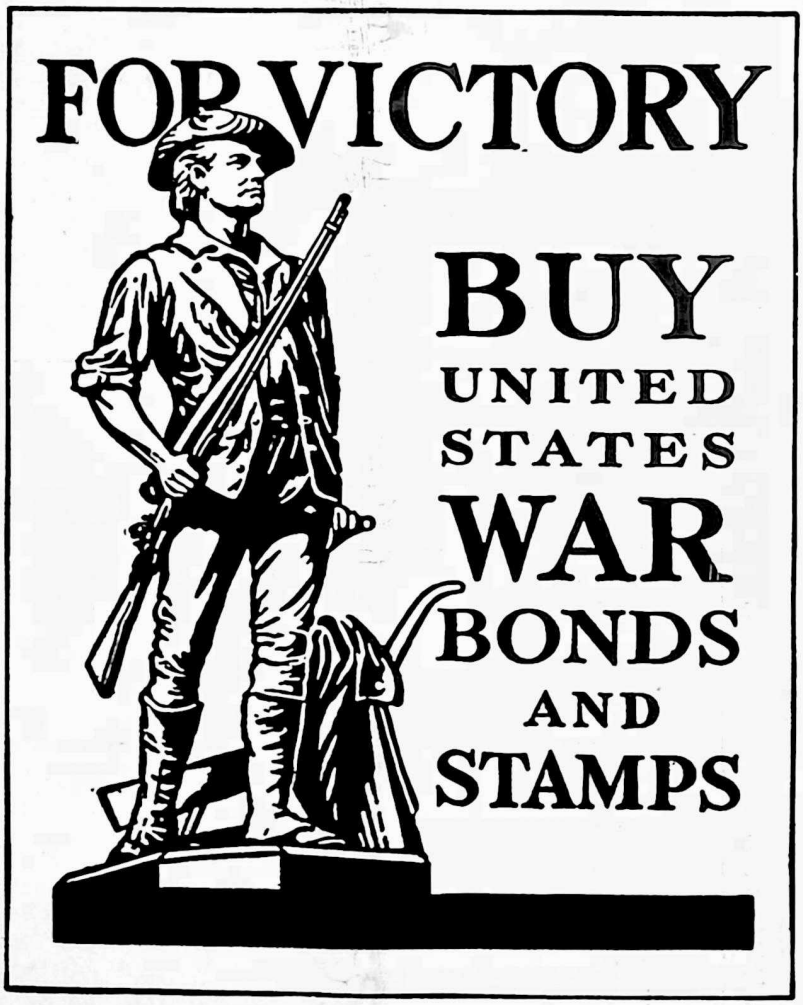
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